AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.13 OF THE URBANA CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that:

Section 1. Section 15.13, as such exists, is hereby and herewith repealed upon the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Section 2. A new Section 15.13, as written below, is herewith enacted in the place of the former Section 15.13 herewith repealed:

"Sec. 15.13. Board of Appeals.

- (a) A board of appeals is hereby established with the powers and duties set forth in this section. The word "board" when used in this article shall be construed to mean the board of appeals.
- (b) The board shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. The term of office of each member appointed to the board, unless otherwise expressly provided for by ordinance, shall expire at 7:30 P.M. on the third May 1st following the date of appointment. The terms of office of the members shall be staggered.
- (c) The mayor, with the consent of the council, shall designate one of the members of the board as the chairman. The chairman shall hold that office until his successor is appointed. The board shall select one of their members as secretary who shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the board and keep its records and files. All meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chairman, or at such other times as the board may determine.
- (d) The board shall have the power, and shall be charged with the duty, to hear and decide:
 - (1) Appeals from any notice, decision, or determination made by the building official under this article.
 - (2) All matters specifically referred to it by the provisions of this article.
 - (3) Requests for variations in the application of any provisions of this article where there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this article so that the spirit and intent of this article shall be observed and the public safety be secured and substantial justice be done, can be processed, but no such variations shall be granted or allowed unless the particulars of each application and the decision of the board therein shall be entered as a matter of public record in the office of the city clerk.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor