

# CASE SUMMARY

**APPLICATION TYPE: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

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**File Number:** 10-B-11-OA

**Related File Number:**

**Application Filed:** 9/6/2011

**Date of Revision:**

**Applicant:** KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

**General Location:**

**Other Parcel Info.:**

**Tax ID Number:** 999 999

**Jurisdiction:**

**Size of Tract:**

**Accessibility:**

## GENERAL LAND USE INFORMATION

**Existing Land Use:**

**Surrounding Land Use:**

**Proposed Use:**

**Density:**

**Sector Plan:**

**Sector Plan Designation:**

**Growth Policy Plan:**

**Neighborhood Context:**

## ADDRESS/RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION (where applicable)

**Street:**

**Location:**

**Proposed Street Name:**

**Department-Utility Report:**

**Reason:** Amendments to the Knox County zoning ordinance regarding the regulation of pain management clinics

## ZONING INFORMATION (where applicable)

**Current Zoning:**

**Former Zoning:**

**Requested Zoning:**

**Previous Requests:**

**Extension of Zone:**

**History of Zoning:**

## PLAN INFORMATION (where applicable)

**Current Plan Category:**

**Requested Plan Category:**

**SUBDIVISION INFORMATION (where applicable)**

Subdivision Name:

No. of Lots Proposed:

No. of Lots Approved: 0

Variances Requested:

S/D Name Change:

**OTHER INFORMATION (where applicable)**

Other Bus./Ord. Amend.: Amendments to the Knox County zoning ordinance regarding the regulation of pain management clinics

**MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION**

Planner In Charge: Mark Donaldson

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): recommend to Knox County Commission that amendments to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance be made as shown in Exhibit A.

Staff Recomm. (Full): ecommend to Knox County Commission that amendments to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance be made as shown in Exhibit A.  
1) add definitions for pain management clinic, as well as medical, dental and/or chiropractic office/clinic; 2) add "pain management clinic" as a use permitted on review within the OA (Office Park) and OB (Office, Medical, and Related Services) zone districts; and add as section 4.82 of the Supplemental Regulations: Requirements for the location and operation of pain management clinics as uses permitted on review

Comments: This request comes to MPC following the recent activity of "pain management" clinics in various zone districts throughout Knox County. The current regulations within the Knox County Zoning Ordinance do not acknowledge a "pain management clinic" as a permitted use or as a use permitted on review.

In the latest legislative session, the Tennessee Assembly enacted a bill defining and regulating pain management clinics in the state; and in the southeast United States, several local governments have begun to address this rapidly growing activity.

**ANALYSIS**

The primary purpose of the Knox County zoning ordinance is to provide for the orderly distribution of land uses and regulate the placement, height, and bulk of buildings on land. Pain management clinics are currently not mentioned in the zoning ordinance.

The zoning ordinance currently permits the location and operation of methadone clinics, a use comparable to pain management clinics in operation, area and intensity, as a use permitted on review within the OA (Office Park) and OB (Office, Medical, and Related Services) zone districts, subject to approval by the planning commission in conformance with state requirements. This provides a model for addressing pain management clinics.

**STRATEGY**

To adequately address pain management clinics within the Knox County Zoning Ordinance, terms must be defined. In this case, a definition for medical, dental and chiropractic offices/clinics is also needed to clearly differentiate these uses from pain management clinics. In addition to proper definitions, the uses must be listed in specific zone districts, and requirements may be added to the supplemental regulations for consideration as a use permitted on review.

Action: Approved

Meeting Date: 10/13/2011

Details of Action:

Summary of Action: Recommend to Knox County Commission that amendments to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance be made as shown in Exhibit A.

- 1) add definitions for pain management clinic, as well as medical, dental and/or chiropractic office/clinic;
- 2) add "pain management clinic" as a use permitted on review within the OA (Office Park) and OB (Office, Medical, and Related Services) zone districts;
- 3) add as section 4.82 of the Supplemental Regulations: Requirements for the location and operation of pain management clinics as uses permitted on review

Date of Approval: 10/13/2011

Date of Denial:

Postponements:

Date of Withdrawal:

Withdrawn prior to publication?:  Action Appealed?:

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION**

**Legislative Body:** Knox County Commission

**Date of Legislative Action:** 11/21/2011

**Ordinance Number:** O-11-11-102

**Disposition of Case:** Approved

**If "Other":**

**Amendments:**

**Date of Legislative Appeal:**

**Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading:** 12/19/2011

**Other Ordinance Number References:**

**Disposition of Case, Second Reading:** Approved

**If "Other":**

**Amendments:**

**Effective Date of Ordinance:**