

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: OTHER BUSINESS

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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File Number: 12-D-17-OB

Related File Number:

Application Filed: 11/8/2017

Date of Revision:

Applicant: MPC

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: Sidewalk Policy

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.: Sidewalk Policy

MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Planner In Charge: Gerald Green

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): MPC staff recommends that the Commission approve a one-year postponement to the amendment to the Knoxville-Knox County Subdivision Regulations new Section 3-05 A.2 passed during the October 2017 meeting requiring sidewalks in Knox County

Staff Recomm. (Full): MPC staff recommends that the Commission approve a one-year postponement to the amendment to the Knoxville-Knox County Subdivision Regulations new Section 3-05 A.2 passed during the October 2017 meeting requiring sidewalks in Knox County to be provided "for access to schools, recreational facilities, commercial establishments, or any other areas where obvious future pedestrian traffic is anticipated".

Comments: The postponement would delay the implementation of the amendment to the new Section 3-05 A.2, which was adopted in a separate motion after the updated Knoxville-Knox County Subdivision Regulations were approved as recommended by staff at the October 2017 MPC meeting. The postponement would be for one (1) year from the effective date of the updated Subdivision Regulations which take effect February 1, 2018. The reasons for delaying the implementation of Section 3-05 A.2 are:

- The Knox County Department of Engineering and Public works is assessing existing sidewalks for compliance with ADA standards. Information provided by this assessment will be valuable in answering questions regarding complying with ADA standards in the design and construction of new sidewalks. The delay in implementation of the sidewalk policy will provide time for completion of the assessment and the compilation of lessons learned from the assessment. The delay will also provide time to develop an ADA compliance training program for staff and contractors.
- The Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works has been authorized to undertake a sidewalk master plan for Knox County. This plan will identify priority areas for new sidewalks, identify locations and condition of existing sidewalks, and establish policies for new sidewalks. This information will assist the MPC staff and the Commission in identifying in what new subdivisions sidewalks are most needed.
- MPC Commissioners and staff are working with Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works staff to identify opportunities for lessening the additional cost of development that would be incurred by the construction of sidewalks. One such possible opportunity is the reduction of required street pavement width on certain streets if sidewalks are provided. The delay in implementation of the Section 3-05 A.2 would provide time for identification and evaluation of potential opportunities to reduce the cost incurred by sidewalk construction.
- Design and construction standards must be developed for sidewalks. MPC staff will have to work closely with others, particularly the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works, in the development of these standards. The delay in the implementation of the Section 3-05 A.2 would provide time to develop and vet the design and construction standards.
- There will be requests for waivers from the requirement for sidewalks. A procedure for considering waiver requests must be developed. Additionally, criteria will have to be developed for the evaluation of these requests. The delay in the implementation of Section 3-05 A.2 will provide time for staff to develop a procedure for considering waiver requests and criteria for evaluating the requests.

The objective of the delay in the implementation of the amendment to Section 3-05 A.2 is to enhance the success of implementation. This delay will affect only the implementation the amendment to Section 3-05, A.2 of the updated Subdivision Regulations.

Action: Approved

Meeting Date: 12/14/2017

Details of Action:

Summary of Action: Approve a one-year postponement to the amendment to the Knoxville-Knox County Subdivision Regulations new Section 3-05 A.2 passed during the October 2017 meeting requiring sidewalks in Knox County and ratify and confirm adoption of this regulation.

Date of Approval: 12/14/2017

Date of Denial:

Postponements:

Date of Withdrawal:

Withdrawn prior to publication?: Action Appealed?:

LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Legislative Body: MPC

Date of Legislative Action:

Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading:

Ordinance Number:

Other Ordinance Number References:

Disposition of Case:

Disposition of Case, Second Reading:

If "Other":

If "Other":

Amendments:

Amendments:

Date of Legislative Appeal:

Effective Date of Ordinance: