

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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File Number: 4-A-17-OA Related File Number:
Application Filed: 2/22/2017 Date of Revision:
Applicant: METROPOLITAN PLANNING 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: Amendment to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.97 Standards for the Approval of Indoor & Outdoor Paintball Ranges, regarding indoor facilities as a Use-on-Review in the Agricultural District.

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.: Amendment to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.97 Standards for the Approval of Indoor & Outdoor Paintball Ranges, regarding indoor facilities as a Use-on-Review in the Agricultural District.

MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Planner In Charge: Mike Reynolds

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): Approve the amendment to Article 4, Section 4.97 (Standards for indoor and outdoor paintball ranges) and allow indoor paintball/airsoft ranges as a use permitted on review in the A (Agricultural) zone, as described in Exhibit A.

Staff Recomm. (Full):

Comments:

The County paintball regulations were first adopted in 2000 and since then a similar sport, airsoft, has gained popularity. Airsoft guns shoot plastic BBs that have an effective range of approximately 47-73 yards and are considered non-lethal. Participants must wear appropriate safety gear, such as goggles and face masks, and are required to attend a training with the field organizer before playing.

MPC received an application to update the zoning regulations to address current paintball and airsoft business trends, specifically requesting that indoor paintball and airsoft ranges be permitted in agricultural zones as a use on review. The County zoning code does not currently list "airsoft" as a use type, however, airsoft and paintball are very similar recreational activities that sometimes share the same fields (or ranges), but not usually at the same time. While paintball guns fire a small ball filled with paint that bursts on contact, airsoft guns use a non-metallic, plastic BB.

Staff is recommending that airsoft be added to the definition of paintball ranges and that indoor ranges be allowed in the Agricultural zone when associated with an approved outdoor range. Staff is also recommending the standards supplemental regulations for paintball ranges (Article 4.97) be modified to allow flexibility in the minimum lot size for outdoor ranges, minimum facility size for indoor ranges, and buffer requirement when an alternative method for protecting adjacent properties is proposed by the applicant and approved by the planning commission.

Action: Denied

Meeting Date: 4/13/2017

Details of Action:

Summary of Action: Denied the amendment.

Date of Approval:

Date of Denial: 4/13/2017

Postponements:

Date of Withdrawal:

Withdrawn prior to publication?: **Action Appealed?:** 4/27/2017

LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Legislative Body: Knox County Commission

Date of Legislative Action: 7/24/2017

Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading: 8/28/2017

Ordinance Number: O-17-7-102

Other Ordinance Number References: O-17-7-102

Disposition of Case: Approved

Disposition of Case, Second Reading: Approved

If "Other":

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Amendments:

Amendments:

Postponed I n June to put in ordinance format for consideration as ord. amendment.

Date of Legislative Appeal:

Effective Date of Ordinance: