APPLICATION TYPE: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

File Number: 6-A-04-OA

Application Filed:

5/25/2004

Related File Number: Date of Revision:

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION Applicant:

Owner:

PROPERTY INFORMATION

General Loca

Other Parcel

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ADDRESS

Street:

Location:

Proposed Street Name:

Department-Utility Report:

Reason:

Amendments to Article 2 (Definitions) and Article 5, Section 10, (Signs, Billboards and Other Advertising Structures), of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance, providing standards and definitions for electronically operated message boards

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:



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/RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION (where applicable)								

SUBDIVISION INFORMATION (where applicable)

Subdivision Name:

Surveyor:

No. of Lots Proposed:

No. of Lots Approved: 0

Variances Requested:

S/D Name Change:

OTHER INFORMATION (where applicable)

Other Bus./Ord. Amend.:

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MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Planner In Charge:	Ken Pruitt					
Staff Recomm. (Abbr.):	APPROVE the amendments					
Staff Recomm. (Full):	BACKGROUND: This past summer, the Knoxville City Council approved a resolution establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for electronic message centers, or boards, with an effective date of August 17, 2004. The moratorium was in response to concerns over the permitting of several new signs in several commercial areas. City Council adopted the moratorium so that the full impact of these signs on the community could be examined. As a part of this process, an eighteen-member panel was created to compile and review information, including the types of controls that other communities have used to regulate these devices. Included on the panel were City Council representatives, City administrative and MPC staff, local business persons, sign contractors, and interested citizens. The committee met on several occasions during the past two months, and the attached amendments are the result of the committee's deliberations.					
Comments:	 COMMENTS: To address the issue of how electronic message centers should be regulated, the MPC staff has recommended the following additions and revisions to the text of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance: 1) New language to Article 2 (Definitions), establishing definitions for "Electronic Message Center Sign" and "Changeable Letter Reader Board Sign". 2) New language to Article 5 (Signs, Billboards and Other Advertising Structures), clarifying general regulations for electronic message centers related to properties in an H-1 (Historic Overlay) District and their approval by the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission. 3) New language to the specific regulations for signs in Commercial and Industrial Districts. These amendments reflect the panel's consideration of a new electronic sign for the Tennessee Theater, whose renovation as an historic downtown landmark is nearing completion. The committee included language that would allow the consideration of historically significant, but nonconforming signage, as part of the renovation of historical structures, provided such signage is approved by the Knoxville Historical Commission. 					
MPC Action:	Approved		MPC Meeting Date:	11/10/2004		
Details of MPC action:						
Summary of MPC action:	APPROVE the amendments					
Date of MPC Approval:	11/10/2004	Date of Denial:	Postponements:	6/10/2004- 10/14/2004		
Date of Withdrawal:		Withdrawn prior to publication?:	Action Appealed?:			
	LEGISLAT	IVE ACTION AND DISPOSIT	ION			
Legislative Body:	Knoxville City Council					

Disposition of Case:

Approved (Emergency) with Amendments

If "Other":

Amendments:

Language changed

Date of Legislative Appeal:

Disposition of Case, Second Reading:

If "Other":

Amendments:

Effective Date of Ordinance: