

# CASE SUMMARY

**APPLICATION TYPE: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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METROPOLITAN  
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**File Number:** 9-A-16-OA

**Related File Number:** 2-B-18-OB

**Application Filed:** 7/27/2016

**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:** Amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations

## 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 Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations

**MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION**

Planner In Charge: Tom Brechko

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): APPROVE the proposed amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations (revision date of October 4, 2017) with an effective date of February 1, 2018.

Staff Recomm. (Full): APPROVE the proposed amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations (revision date of October 4, 2017) with an effective date of February 1, 2018.

Comments: The only changes that have been made to the draft amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations that were before the Planning Commission on September 14, 2017 are revisions to the sidewalk standards (Section 3.05 Pedestrian Circulation System – pages 3-24 through 3-26 in the October 4, 2017 draft).

The proposed revisions include:

1. Reference to the City of Knoxville’s sidewalk requirements for subdivisions within the City of Knoxville. (Section 3.05.A.1)
2. Retaining the existing requirement in the Subdivision Regulations that the Planning Commission may require sidewalks in subdivisions within Knox County. (Section 3.05.A.2)
3. Identifying construction standards for sidewalks within Knox County. (Meeting the most current Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Design Standards and the most recent published version of the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) or 2010 ADA Standards as appropriate.) . (Section 3.05.A.2.a-c)
4. Allowing the option for the Planning Commission to approve alternative pedestrian circulation systems. (Section 3.05.B)

At the Planning Commission’s Agenda Review Meeting on September 12, 2017, MPC staff outlined the changes to the proposed amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations that were first reviewed by the Planning Commission back on September 8, 2016.

During the September 8, 2016 meeting, the Planning Commission’s discussion on the amendments primarily focused on the recommendation’s related to the proposed sidewalk standards. The review of the proposed amendments to the Subdivision Regulations was postponed so that they could be considered along with the proposed Walkability Ordinance that was being drafted for the City of Knoxville and Knox County.

Over the past several months, staff of the Planning Commission, City of Knoxville and Knox County has been meeting to develop a draft Walkability Ordinance. The draft ordinance was also reviewed by the Planning Commission’s Sidewalk Subcommittee.

The comments at the September 12, 2017 Agenda Reviewing Meeting focused on two main issues. The first is the provision on when sidewalks would be required. The second issue is the timing on when the sidewalks are to be installed. Based on over a years’ worth of research and discussion staff is providing a couple of options on each issue for consideration by the Planning Commission.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission vote on the wording for each of the four sections regarding the sidewalk standards and vote on the overall ordinance.

Action: Approved as Modified

Meeting Date: 10/12/2017

Details of Action:

Summary of Action: APPROVE the proposed amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations as amended October 12, 2017, to require sidewalks also in the County, with an effective date of February 1, 2018.

Date of Approval: 10/12/2017

Date of Denial:

Postponements: 9/8/2016-9/14/2017

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":**

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**Amendments:**

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3/8/2018 MPC reaffirmed motion to require sidewalks in  
Knox County subdivisions (2-B-18-OB)

**Date of Legislative Appeal:**

**Effective Date of Ordinance:**