

**Tazewell Pike-Beverly Station Neighborhood Coalition
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Metropolitan Planning Commission
Knoxville-Knox County Tennessee
400 Main Street, Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902

Dear Commissioners and MPC staff:

One-year plan amendment and Rezoning: Agenda Item 72, File 1-N-08-RZ and 1-E-08-PA

Our neighborhood, Tazewell Pike-Beverly Station Neighborhood Coalition requests that the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) deny the proposed one-year plan amendment and rezoning for the property tax ID No. 58 L D 028.01, on the northwest side of Tazewell Pike, southwest of Fieldcrest Lane.

Our neighborhood has tried to be a good neighbor and over the last few years has agreed to two rezonings of office in the same block as this property. Those properties were in need of repair, so the neighbors agreed to the office rezoning as the developer requested. At the one-year plan meeting, several other nearby properties were designated for office zoning. Ken Pruitt, of MPC, was advised by several residents of concerns about the office zoning designation of these properties and how it would encroach on the residential neighborhood. We thought during the discussion at that meeting that the plan was changed and the line was drawn as to where the office zone would end.

Now, yet another property is seeking rezoning and a one-year plan amendment. If MPC continues to approve rezonings to office on a property by property basis, without having a boundary, soon the residential neighbors will be crowded out and the domino effect will continue on down the street.

This type of decision made by MPC makes it increasingly difficult for neighbors to try to work with developers because we do not know where the effect will end if we allow even one property to be rezoned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jamie Rowe,
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