



**KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF KNOXVILLE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

▶ **FILE #:** 6-A-09-SC **AGENDA ITEM #:** 10  
 POSTPONEMENT(S): 6/11/09 **AGENDA DATE:** 7/9/2009

▶ **APPLICANT:** GARY MITCHELL

TAX ID NUMBER: 94 L A 02401  
 JURISDICTION: Council District 6  
 SECTOR PLAN: Central City  
 GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)  
 ZONING: C-3 (General Commercial)  
 WATERSHED: Second Creek

▶ **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED:** Ramsey St  
 ▶ **LOCATION:** Between Western Avenue and Blackstock Avenue

IS STREET:  
 (1) IN USE?: No  
 (2) IMPROVED (paved)?: Yes

▶ **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CLOSURE:** Handicap crossing from parking to building. The road is too narrow, and there is a hairpin turn where tractor trailers get stuck.

DEPARTMENT-UTILITY REPORTS: No objections received as of 5/30/09; subject to any required easements, including fire department equipment access to exterior of buildings from this right-of-way area.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

▶ **APPROVE the closure, subject to any required easements, including the Fire Department's needs (May 11, 2009 letter), and meeting the three conditions specified by the City of Knoxville Engineering Department in the attached letter dated July 6, 2009.**

The closure of this section of Ramsey St. will not adversely impact public access to property in the area, or access through the community. However, the concerns of the Engineering Department and Fire Department need to be adequately addressed before this closure gets final approval from City Council.

**COMMENTS:**

The adjoining property owners have signed that they are in agreement with this closure request.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 8/11/2009 and 8/25/2009. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.