



AGENDA ITEM#: 36

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Mark Donaldson, Executive Director

DATE: March 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Direction to staff to review and proposed recommended amendments to the Knoxville and Knox County zoning ordinances regarding regulations for outdoor display in commercial zone districts.

REQUEST

MPC staff has been approached by members of the planning commission to review regulations regarding outdoor storage and display in commercial zone districts and to propose amendments to current regulations.

BACKGROUND

Too often, property owners are required to change the zoning of their property to simply allow the display of merchandise outdoors. With proper regulations, it may be possible to eliminate this step.

This is a topic that is timely and much needed. Within the current City and County zoning ordinances there are sporadic, but disjointed requirements regarding outdoor storage and display of merchandise in commercial zone districts. There is a need for a comprehensive review of the codes to organize and make more uniform the regulations that do appear in the code and to consider additional regulations or broader application of regulations if needed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is prepared to take this under consideration and respond in a timely manner.
