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[MPC Comment] 5-A-16-OA Parking Lots

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Dear MPC Commision,

We members of the ETNLA (East Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Association) like the proposed landscape requirements for 5-A-16-OA, but feel that the proposals simply do not go far enough.

Unless the landscape requirements are held subject to enforcement, they are simply glorified suggestions.

As a trade organization of landscape maintenance contractors and nurserymen, we find that the overwhelming majority of the issues we face when maintaining parking lot landscapes originate at the time of planning and later in installation. Poor plant selection, improper planting techniques, and an overall lack of an aftercare plan leave us in a lose-lose situation. We are contracted to maintain the property, however because of poor planning and planting, the plants oftentimes die before they ever have a chance to reach their desired level of maturity. As a result, we take the blame for a digression of aesthetics and landscape purpose.

Landscape designs serve more purpose that simply temporary aesthetics. As plants mature, they offer a means of water remediation, air remediation, shade, and an overall increase in property values. If these plants fail before given the opportunity to reach desired maturity, their intended purpose will never be met.

When these plants die due to poor planning and planting, we take the blame and are left looking like the bad guys.

It is imperative that these parking lot developers are held to the standards brought forth in the proposal, and the standards are enforced. A failure to do so ultimately leads to a failure of the landscape, a failure of the maintenance contractors, a failure of the nurserymen, and a decline in the development's property value - thus impacting our local economy.

The green industry in Knoxville is booming and plays an important part in our local economy. Glorified suggestions simply do not do enough to protect us. We need enforcement.

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