

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 6, 2018
To: Planning Commission
From: Gerald Green AICP, Executive Director
Subject: **Agenda Item 11-A-18-OA**

Consideration of the comprehensive update of the City of Knoxville's zoning ordinance was continued from the Planning Commission's November agenda to the December agenda. During the past month, a good deal of work has been done to move the draft ordinance and map closer to completion. Workshops with the Public Stakeholders Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission to discuss the details of the proposed ordinance, and to receive direction, have been conducted and continue to be held. Workshops with City Council are planned but have not been scheduled. Comments from citizens, board and commission members, and staff have been reviewed and addressed as appropriate in the draft ordinance and map. The fourth draft of the ordinance and the third draft of the proposed zoning map are being finalized but will not be available for review until December 13.

The challenge now before us (the Planning Commission and staff) is balancing the need for thorough review of the draft ordinance and map with the desire to keep the process moving. While there has been a great deal of public input, reflected by revisions in the drafts of the ordinance and map, the current need is to adequately review the drafts to ensure all issues have been addressed in a manner that best serves the community. The Commission must determine if this review can occur during the December agenda review and regular meetings, or if additional time is required. I look forward to the discussion and your direction on this matter.

If you have any questions, comments, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me by email at gerald.green@knoxmpc.org or phone at 215-3758.