

MEMORANDUM

TO: Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
FROM: Thomas Brechko, AICP, Principal Planner
DATE: May 2, 2019
MPC FILE #: 6-B-18-OB
SUBJECT: Amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Subdivision Regulations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the proposed amendments to the Knoxville-Knox County Subdivision Regulations with an effective date of August 7, 2019. Staff is recommending the delay in the effective date to allow time to establish the administrative procedures needed for implementing the amendments.

UPDATE:

A draft of the proposed amendments was posted on the Knoxville-Knox County Planning's website on April 9, 2019 for public review.

A workshop on the proposed amendments was held in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building on April 17, 2019. There were approximately 25 people in attendance at the workshop.

In response to comments at the workshop, staff has a revised the appeal process for actions taken by the Planning staff so that appeals of an action of denial of a final plat would go before the Planning Commission and appeals of an approval would be to court.

Staff will present the proposed amendments to the Planning Commission at the Agenda Review Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

The State law dealing with the review and approval of final subdivision plats was changed recently. The change permits the Planning Commission to give staff the authority to review and approve most final plats. The State law would require only those plats that need a variance from the Subdivision Regulations to be acted on by the Planning Commission. In order to put the staff review process in place, a number of procedural amendments to the Subdivision Regulations are being drafted. Staff is also preparing some additional amendments to address comments that have been made concerning the revised Subdivision Regulations as adopted on February 8, 2018.