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# [Planning Commission Comment] RE/Fwd: OYP/Land Use Classification Table Discrepancies (3-A-20-OYP)

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Based upon further thought and in light of comments received, Planning staff has agreed that inclusion of the Land Use Table in the One Year Plan, and its adoption as part of the Plan, would enhance the recognition of the updated Table as the official Land Use Classification Table. Additionally, the annual review of the Table as part of the One Year Plan update will provide an opportunity to keep the Table updated and reflective of the land use policies and goals of the City and County. This also will provide an opportunity for public vetting of amendments and revisions to the Table.

Regards,
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# [Planning Commission Comment] OYP--Land Use Classification **Table**

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Hello Mr. Green,

Thank you for your 3-10-20 letter. Here is the problem I see:

Changing the Land Use Classification Table in effect amends the One Year Plan and Sector Plan. It amends the plan by adding to a land use classification a zoning district previously not permitted in that classification. It accomplishes a Plan Amendment without the bother of having to request the plan amendment, pay a fee, deal with the staff, appointed and elected officials, and the public. And, without having to change the OYP map.

An excellent example is the change in the Table that caught my attention. The Land Use Classification Table was changed by adding the RN-3 General Residential Zoning District to the Low Density Residential (LDR) One Year Plan classification. Until that change, RN-3 required a Medium Density Residential (MDR) One Year Plan classification. A One Year Plan Amendment to MDR would have been required in any LDR neighborhood in order to rezone to RN-3. As a result of the change to the Table, RN-3 is permitted in, and consistent with, the One Year Plan LDR classification. It is amending the OYP without having to change the map.

Another problem is that the Land Use Classification Table was adopted by the PC and City Council as part of a public process. Then the Table was changed -- without a public process. To make matters worse, the documents and meetings associated with the annual review of the OYP failed to even mention that the Table had been changed.

This process is totally inconsistent with the MPC process/practice as recent as 2018.

Proposed changes to the Land Use Classification Table were provided to the public at the 2018 OYP meetings. The handouts noted and highlighted the proposed changes. I just reviewed emails to MPC staff member, J. Archer regarding the proposed changes to the Land Use Classification Table. Perhaps 2018 reinforced the expectation that amending the Land Use Classification Table required a public process, including adoption by City Council.

#### Other problems:

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I do not understand this interpretation. Is there a written opinion from the legal staff?

"The Land Use Classification Table is a <u>guide</u> currently used by planning staff in determining the potential zoning designations that would be appropriate for an individual property or area."

The Land Use Classification Table is more than a "guide". It places clear limitations on which zoning districts are permitted in each classification. And, the limitations reflect the decision of City Council reached through a public process. If a specific property's OYP classification does not permit a requested zoning district, a One Year Plan amendment is required before the rezoning can occur. The addition of more intense zoning districts to a classification reduces the limitations, and reduces the need to request plan amendments. Note that the official Land Use Classification Table on the PC Website makes clear that only certain zoning districts are permitted in each specific OYP classification. For instance, "Medium Density Residential (MDR): One Year Plan Permitted Zones: RN-2, RN-3, RN-4, RN-5."

Has the PC approved a rezoning request to rezone property to a zoning district **not permitted** in the property's OYP designation?

To be clear, the Land Use Classification Table is a mechanism intended to efficiently convey information, including which zoning districts are permitted in each land use classifications. I see it as analogous to the "Use Matrix" in Article 9, of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance. The "Development Policy" Chapter of the One Year Plan enumerates the zoning districts permitted in each classification. The Land Use Classification Table reflects the "Development Policy" chapter. (Please note, that the Jan. 2020 Draft of the OYP deleted both the Land Use Classification Table and the Development Policy Chapter. I am pleased that they are recommended to be restored to the OYP.)

I am not opposed to the Land Use Classification Table being adopted as a free-standing Table and the Table should be included in the OYP. An important point being that it is "adopted."

The Land Use Classification Table should be consistent across all adopted Sector Plans, One Year Plan, and other adopted land use plans. Your description of the messy, inconsistent, loose maintenance of the Land Use Classification Table is disturbing. Shame on all of us for not doing a better job as paid professionals or as watchful citizens. It is time to get it right.

For the record, in my opinion the revision to the Table to permit the RN-3, General Residential Neighborhood Zoning District in the Low Density Residential (LDR) classification is not a "minor revision" to the Land Use Classification Table. RN-3 is described in the zoning ordinance as "medium density". The other residential zoning districts, RN-1, RN-2, EN, permitted in the Low Density Residential (LDR) classification are described as "low density" in the zoning ordinance. RN-3 permits duplexes by right. Duplexes are not permitted by right in the other zoning districts permitted in the LDR classification. Uses such as Fraternities/sororities and Independent Living Facilities are allowed as Special Uses in RN-3, but are not allowed at all in the other zoning districts permitted in LDR.

Adding a zoning district to, or deleting a zoning district from, a OYP classification should require public review and adoption by the PC and City Council. Such changes are plan amendments.

Best, Carlene V. Malone



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South City District Conflict. Appears to be an error on pg 36. Per the Land Use Classification Table MU-UC has SW included. MU-UC is distinct and different from SW MUD-1 and SW MUD2. SW needs to be removed from the MU-UC zone description.

This error also appears on pg 70 under MU-UC where SW has inadvertently been listed.

On pg 26-27 each Mixed Use Classification is different.

Unless Planning meant for SW-3 through SW-7 to be included in MU-UC and then SW-1 and SW-2 under MU-NC as we have local streets and thoroughfare and residential homes that are low density. We are an Established Neighborhood.

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# [Planning Commission Comment] One Year Plan--Agenda Item 5, 3-A-20-OYP

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## COMMENTS/REQUESTS FOR CHANGES TO THE DRAFT ONE YEAR PLAN 2020

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I attended the 2-27-20 One Year Plan Meeting for the North, East, and Central Sectors. Planning Commission staff comments referenced are from that meeting.

#### **SUMMARY:**

- 1. Do not require a 90-day minimum for all OYP postponements.
- 2. Include/restore the Land Use Category Chart in the OYP document.
- 3. Include/restore the OYP Development Policy chapter.
- **1. ISSUE:** The 2020 One Year Plan Jan. draft proposes that <u>all postponements</u> of One Year Plan Amendment applications be for a **minimum of 90 days.**

REQUEST: <u>Do not require</u> a 90-day minimum postponement of One Year Plan Amendment applications. Please delete the following sentence from the last paragraph of Page 6: "Postponement and withdrawals would follow the same schedule and regular procedures of the original One Year Plan amendment requests."

<u>New applications</u> for One Year Plan Amendments are heard by the PC four months per year -- Jan., April, July, and Oct. However, <u>postponements</u> of One Year Plan Amendment applications have been given for various amounts of time depending on the circumstances. One Year Plan Amendment postponements to the next PC meeting, approximately 30 days, have been granted.

- Requiring that all postponements be for a minimum of 90 days will result in unnecessary, expensive delays.
- A 90-day minimum will reduce the number of postponements granted.

Neither the applicant nor the community benefits from this.

The PC staff said the proposed 90-day minimum postponement would highlight the importance of OYP Amendments. But, limiting new OYP applications to four months per year sufficiently highlights the importance of the OYP. 2. ISSUE: Land Use Classifications Chart has been deleted from the OYP.

**REQUEST:** Restore the <u>Land Use Classification Chart</u> to the body of the One Year Plan. The chart has been included in earlier One Year Plans.

The One Year Plan 2020 Jan. draft, Page 9, states: "The map legend is used in the sector plans and the One Year Plan and contains the land use categories with their <u>descriptions and location criteria</u> for each type of land use." "Descriptions" and "location criteria" are included in the Land Use Classification Chart. (Emphasis added.)

I am unable to find a OYP or Sector map legend that contains all of the information included in the eight-page Land Use Classification Chart, including "descriptions" and "location criteria." Generally the map legends simply match the classification name to the map colors.

At the 2-27-20 One Year Plan meeting the Land Use Classification Chart was available as a separate document on a table displaying large maps. A resident called the availability of the Chart to everyone's attention, noting its importance in understanding the maps.

The PC staff said that the Chart was a separate document so that it could be amended if, for instance, a new zoning district was to be added. The staff claimed that if the Chart were not a separate document, it could only be amended once a year. Clearly the One Year Plan, including the Land Use Classification Chart, can be amended four times a year.

The Land Use Classification Chart should be readily available to everyone. It is appropriate and helpful to including the Chart in the One Year Plan.

3. ISSUE: Development Policy has been deleted from the One Year Plan 2020.

**REQUEST:** Restore the chapter on Development Policy.

In response to comments at the 2-27 meeting, the PC staff indicated that the Development Policies were not being discarded. They said that the Development Policy Chapter would, at some unknown future date, become a free-standing

document, or be part of the various Sector Plans, or be incorporated in the General Plan.

The Development Policy Chapter states the intent, policies, and zoning districts which should be used within each land use category. The development policies are the basis for decisions, community expectations, and infrastructure improvements.

The Development Policy Chapter should be maintained as part of the One Year Plan until it is adopted by City Council as part of some other element of the General Plan. There should not be a gap between the deletion and some future adoption.

Also, in order to maintain the force of law, the Development Policies should not be a free-standing document, separate from adopted plans. Any change should be clear as to the legal status of the Development Policies.



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2 messages

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Mr. Green and commissioners,

I was distressed at the meeting at Washington Pike UMC last Thursday. After spending hours trying to read the 2019 version and the new document to locate changes, I was told I should have called the office and they had a red line version showing the changes. Why was that not available on the website for all to see? How could anyone have possibly known to call the office regarding that?

I saw many problems with a lot of the changes- one of the biggest to me besides omitting all of Chapter 3- standards for development and appendix B, was the fact that even though the "title" page calls it the one-year plan- it is referred to in the entire document as a "tool". It is a "plan" that was adopted by MPC and City Council, not a tool.

I can understand that many of the zoning names have changed with recode and need to be addressed- but I cannot figure out what problem you were trying to solve that necessitated the document going from 72 pages down to 30 something. We were told much of it would be in a stand-alone document- but why would anyone want to try and search for a second document that is referenced in the first one?

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Thank you for your comments.

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