

SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

By _____

Application No. 7-B-26-UR

Is the Hickory Meadows Drilling and Blasting Setback 450 Feet or 500 Feet?

Inconsistent Drilling and Blasting Setbacks in Applicant's August 6, 2026 Submission

Vulcan's August 6, 2026 reorganized Application contains an apparent internal inconsistency concerning the drilling and blasting setbacks proposed as conditions of approval.

In the revised Plan of Operation, Vulcan states that it “will maintain a minimum 450-foot drill and blast setback from the back of residential lots fronting on Buttermilk Road, Hickory Meadows Drive and Pittman Drive.” *Vulcan Lands, Inc., Updated Application for Use on Review, Knox Planning Case No. 7-B-26-UR, Ex. R 5.0, at 2 (7-27-2026 Update), submitted Aug. 6, 2026.*

Three days earlier, however, Vulcan represented in its August 3, 2026 letter to CARE that it would increase the drilling and blasting setback for lots fronting Hickory Meadows Drive from 450 feet to 500 feet. The Summary of Modified and Additional Conditions attached to that letter expressly identified the proposed setbacks as 450 feet for Buttermilk Road, 500 feet for Hickory Meadows Drive, and 450 feet for Pittman Drive. *Letter from Thomas M. Hale to Chris Irwin re: Vulcan Use on Review Application—Dixie Lee Quarry Extension Project, Knox Planning Case No. 7-B-26-UR, Attachment 2, ¶ 2 (Aug. 3, 2026).*

This discrepancy should be resolved before the Application is approved. The proposed setbacks are not merely descriptions of Vulcan's intentions; Vulcan has offered them as conditions governing drilling and blasting near neighboring residences. The final approval should therefore state clearly and consistently the minimum setback applicable to each affected residential boundary.

Before taking final action, the Planning Commission should require Vulcan to identify in a single definitive condition and corresponding plan the precise drilling and blasting setbacks that will govern the proposed expansion.

ADOPTION OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

I have reviewed this Written Public Comment regarding Application No. 7-B-26-UR.

I adopt this submission and respectfully request that the facts, legal authorities, arguments, and requested relief contained herein be considered as part of my written public comment. I further request that the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission consider this memorandum in its entirety as though fully set forth in my individual submission.

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