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CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO ALLOW PET SERVICE BUSINESSES IN APPROPRIATE ZONE DISTRICTS

Knoxville, Tennessee – 10-21-2014 – This summer City Council requested MPC study and make recommendations regarding amendments to the City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance to allow the operation of pet service businesses in commercial and industrial zone districts.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to:

- Define pet services in the zoning ordinance;
- Allow the establishment of pet service businesses in appropriate zone districts; and
- Establish limited standards for pet service businesses with outdoor facilities.

Draft amendments are posted on the MPC website, www.knoxmpc.org/zoning/proposals for public review. This zoning ordinance amendment is scheduled for consideration by the planning commission at its November 13, 2014 meeting. Public comment may be submitted for the record prior to the meeting by emailing: commission@knoxmpc.org.

With a favorable recommendation by the planning commission in November, the proposed zoning ordinance amendments would be considered by City Council at its meetings in December.

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