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MPC Public Notice Sign Changes

Knoxville, Tennessee – May 22, 2017 – The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) is making changes to their public notice signs and the procedures concerning them.

Starting in summer of 2017, MPC will provide temporary signs to applicants to post themselves, and require a signed posting agreement that outlines the applicant's responsibilities in posting the sign(s). All new signs will be color coded by case type to help the public identify the nature of the proposal or application. Signs will continue to be posted for the same items:

- Rezoning
- Plan amendments
- Concept plans
- Uses on review
- Alley or street closures
- Street or subdivision name changes
- Variances
- City BZA

Current signs are black and white and list the nature of the application, and the date, time, and location of the upcoming public hearing. The new signs will have a case type and color to indicate the nature of the application, a phone number, website, and file number. Anyone interested can then call the listed phone number or visit MPC's website and use the file number to find more information.

Prior to this change, MPC staff has posted signs on behalf of applicants for those applications requiring a public meeting. Legal requirements state that public notices must be published in the appropriate newspaper, but do not require signs to be posted. MPC posts the signs as a courtesy notification as outlined by the agency's [administrative rules](#).

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The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) was established in 1956 by Knoxville and Knox County as the agency responsible for comprehensive county-wide planning and administration of zoning and land subdivision regulations

and remains so today (except for the town of Farragut). Funding for MPC activities comes primarily from city and county appropriations and from federal grants for specific studies. The Commission prepares and adopts a general plan, reviews subdivision regulations and site plans, prepares and recommends zoning ordinances and maps to the Knox County Commission and Knoxville City Council, reviews proposed zoning amendments, and prepares a capital improvements plan for the City of Knoxville. For more information, visit our website: www.knoxmpc.org