

**Planning Commission Minutes  
July 20, 2017**

**Public Hearing**

**Case No. 16AMEND1011**

<b>Request:</b>	Amend Section 6.1.3 of the Land Development Code to require a minimum distance between access roadways connecting developments with an aggregate of 200 or more dwellings to the same existing roadway
<b>Project Name:</b>	Access Separation LDC Text Amendment
<b>Location:</b>	Multiple properties in Louisville Metro
<b>Owner:</b>	n/a
<b>Applicant:</b>	Louisville Metro
<b>Representative:</b>	Louisville Metro
<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Louisville Metro
<b>Council District:</b>	<b>All Council Districts</b>

**Case Manager:** **Brian Mabry, AICP, Planning Supervisor**

Notice of this public hearing appeared in **The Courier Journal**.

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commissioners received this report in advance of the hearing, and this report was available to any interested party prior to the public hearing. (Staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S. 5th Street.)

**An audio/visual recording of the Planning Commission public hearing related to this case is available on the Planning & Design Services website, or you may contact the Customer Service staff to view the recording or to obtain a copy.**

**Agency Testimony:**

02:33:27 Brian Mabry presented the case and showed a Power Point presentation (see staff report and recording for detailed presentation.)

02:44:53 In response to a question from Commissioner Lindsey, Mr. Mabry clarified the definition of "separation" as it relates to this case (see recording for detailed discussion.)

**The following spoke in favor of the request:**

No one spoke.

**The following spoke in opposition to the request:**

No one spoke.

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**The following spoke neither for nor against the proposal (“Other”):**

No one spoke.

**Rebuttal:**

There was no rebuttal, since no one spoke in opposition.

**Deliberation:**

02:45:29 Commissioners’ deliberation.

02:52:50 On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that Table 4 in Appendix 6A, Part 1 of the LDC contains driveway and intersection spacing standards (Attachment 2 of the staff report); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that separation distances of access points in recently approved residential developments generally align with, or exceed, the minimum requirements of peer and non-peer communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that, when Public Works and/or Transportation Planning reviews a development plan, it relies heavily on engineering practice and on manuals that provide recommended spacing between driveways and intersections based on road width, speed, and other factors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is not bound by regulations in Metro’s LDC; therefore, spacing on state roads may not comply with any newly adopted provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that, based on the staff report and the evidence and testimony presented today, that all of the applicable guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 and the Land Development Code are not being met; now, therefore be it

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**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby recommend to the Louisville Metro Council that the requested Amendment to Section 6.1.3 of the Land Development Code to require a minimum distance between access roadways connecting developments with an aggregate of 200 or more dwellings to the same existing roadway be **DENIED**.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Brown, Lindsey, Ferguson, Tomes, Carlson, and Jarboe.**

**NO: No one.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioners Lewis, Smith, Peterson, and Howard.**

**ABSTAINING: No one.**