

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

May 25, 2017

Case No. 16AMEND1011

Access Separation LDC Text Amendment

Brian Mabry presented information regarding the proposed amendment to Section 6.1.3 of the Land Development Code to require a minimum distance between access roads connecting developments with an aggregate of 200 or more dwellings to the same existing roadway. The thought behind the change is to help distribute traffic and allow multiple routes for emergency services. The most recent case where the lack of separation came up was 16ZONE1020, a rezoning for an apartment complex on Taylorsville Road where the two access points were only approximately 400 feet apart. Councilman Stuart Benson sponsored a resolution, which was approved by Metro Council, to look into the matter.

Staff performed research of other pier cities' codes to determine if there were any other similar standards. Three examples are Indianapolis (500 feet), Austin (330 feet) and Memphis (400 feet). Staff also evaluated recent larger developments to see what kind of separation had been approved, which showed the average separation for single-family development was 1,475 linear feet and 503 linear feet for multi-family developments. The American Planning Association provided information, which staff will continue to review until the matter goes to Planning Commission. At this time staff does not have a recommendation for potential language.

Jeff Brown recommended adding the roadway classifications to the table that was in the staff report. He said Appendix 6A has spacing recommendations which staff may want to review.

Councilman Stuart Benson addressed the committee. He stated that the potential issue at the apartment development is that traffic backs out on Taylorsville Road past both of the proposed points of ingress/egress, so they won't function well. He thinks Metro needs to have a logical regulation that can be used to make traffic better when developments like this are created. He believes that number should be at least 600 feet of separation.

RESOLVED, the Louisville Metro Planning Committee does hereby **RECOMMEND** case 16AMEND1011 be heard by the Planning Commission on June 29, 2017.

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The vote was as follows:

**YES: Committee Members Howard, Brown, Durham, Jarboe, Kelly, and
Tomes.**

NO: No one.

NOT PRESENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Case Nos. **17AMEND1000** and **17ZONE1023** were tabled until the next Planning
Committee meeting.