

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2021**

A meeting of the Louisville Metro Planning Committee was held on June 28, 2021 at 3:00 pm via a Webex virtual meeting.

**Committee Members present:**

Lula Howard  
Jeff Brown  
Patti Clare  
Mellone Long

**Committee Members absent:**

Pat Seitz  
David Tomes  
Juva Barber

**Staff Members present:**

Emily Liu, Director, Planning & Design Services  
Joe Reverman, Assistant Director, Planning & Design Services  
Brian Davis, Planning & Design Manager  
Julia Williams, Planning & Design Supervisor  
Chris French, Planning & Design Supervisor  
Laura Ferguson, Legal Counsel

**Others present:**

\*attendance was not taken due to the virtual nature of the meeting

The following matters were considered:

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### **Parking Amendments Phase Two**

Request: Parking Amendments Phase Two  
Municipality: All with Zoning Authority  
Case Manager: Chris French, AICP, Planning & Design Supervisor

Chris French presented a PowerPoint presentation of additional revisions of the parking requirements in chapter nine of the Land Development Code. This is the second round of amendments based on the first set done in 2019.

Chris French discussed the changes made to provisions of requiring electric vehicle charging stations. Under this amendment, there is an added definition for EV Charging Station – which is now considered an accessory use. The spaces can count toward minimum parking requirements but are exempt from maximum requirements. As well as new, large parking lots are required to have at least one EV space per 200 spaces.

Chris French also discussed an amendment for exceptions made to maximum parking requirements such as curbside or drive thru parking, structure parking, accessible spaces, carpool spaces, and vacuum station spaces. In response to a question from Commissioner Clare about if other communities typically make these exemptions, Chris French responded that some of the communities that do have maximum parking requirements do exempt certain things and it is common.

In respect to revisions made to minimum and maximum requirements in the first round of amendments, there has now been ample time to see how these revisions have been working. Chris French explained they would need to tweak some of the minimum and maximum requirements (see video for detailed chart of revisions at 04:32.) Chris French also went into detail on changes made to maximum parking waivers.

Bike parking has been updated to match the land use list that is associated with off-street parking, along with streamlining requirements to now only deal with short term parking, such as bike racks.

In response to Commissioner Long's question about clarification on the electric vehicle parking requirements, Chris French explained that the larger parking lots would have to have at least one charging station for every 200 spaces, not just a dedicated space. He also explained that once one EV space has been constructed, it is easier to add additional spaces moving forward.

In response to Commissioner Brown's question about parking waivers that reduce the minimum greater than 50% still going to Metro Council, Chris French responded that they didn't make any changes to that process.

Commissioners' deliberation.

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Chris French explained they had two consulting firms investigate what was being proposed and they felt the changes would work. For industrial uses, they looked at a variety of different types of warehousing uses as well as what other communities were requiring.

In response to Commissioner Howard's question about how these requirements might affect the potential new Amazon facility, Chris French responded that he doesn't believe this will negatively impact that.

On a motion by Committee Member Brown, seconded by Committee Member Long, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Committee does hereby **RECOMMEND** the Planning Commission conduct a public hearing regarding the Land Development Code Reform Recommendations for the Phase Two Parking Amendments (21-LDC-0010) as presented on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Clare, Brown, Long, and Howard**

**NO: None.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioners Barber, Seitz, Tomes,**

There was discussion about the LDC Reform Project Phase One, in which Chris French explained that three of the amendments have been adopted by Metro Council which included changes to notice requirements, urban agriculture, and the accessory dwelling units.

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**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.**

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**Chairman**

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**Division Director**