



Louisville Metro Government

Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THROUGH ITS STAFF IN LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING AND DESIGN, TO: 1) EVALUATE THE TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING DISTRICT (TNZD) REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY AS THOSE REGULATIONS RELATE TO SIGNAGE ON PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TNZD AND THE LIST OF LAND USES CURRENTLY SET FORTH IN THE "TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING DISTRICT PLAN REPORT FOR OLD LOUISVILLE/LIMERICK," APPENDIX 2B OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TNZD LAND USE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVELY ACHIEVING THE PURPOSES ORIGINALLY OUTLINED IN THE TNZD PLAN AND WHETHER EXPANDING THE LIST OF LAND USES TO INCLUDE MORE COMMERCIAL USES TO PROMOTE ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES IS BENEFICIAL TO THE TNZD; 2) EXAMINE THE CURRENT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER BOUNDARY ON THE TNZD PLAN MAP TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE PROPERTIES ON ITS PERIPHERY AND NEARBY THAT HAVE COMMERCIAL CHARACTER THAT WOULD WARRANT THEIR INCLUSION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER; AND 3) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL BASED UPON THE RECORD OF EVIDENCE ESTABLISHED FOR ENUMERATED REQUESTS 1 AND 2.

Sponsored by: Councilman David James

WHEREAS, the Metro Council wishes to support the ongoing prosperity of the Old Louisville Neighborhood through the consideration of land use regulations that promote existing and new business development in the Traditional Neighborhood Zoning District ("TNZD"), and;

WHEREAS, the Council understands that the original Old Louisville Neighborhood Plan and the Limerick Action Plan was adopted in 1982 and that the current list of land uses designated for properties located within the TNZD were compiled and recommended by a task force organized to review and make recommendations to amend the Old Louisville and Limerick Neighborhood Plans, which was accomplished in 2000, and that that task force selected particular land uses for inclusion in said use listings with the intent to promote and to guide contemporary land use proposals so that they may, incrementally, recreate a fabric of uses that both reflect the original character of the

neighborhoods and incorporate appropriate modern adaptations, and;

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to revisit this list of land uses and associated regulations to determine whether it is inclusive and flexible enough to promote the desired range of economic development and redevelopment opportunities, including those uses that meet changing needs, technologies, economics, and consumer preferences that were not originally contemplated at the time the current land use list was compiled, and;

WHEREAS, the Council further acknowledges that the task force also designated the intersection of 4th and Oak Streets as the core of the Neighborhood Center and, accordingly, set the Neighborhood Center Boundary with the intent for those properties located within the boundary to serve as the commercial center and main public meeting space for the surrounding neighborhoods, and;

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the Neighborhood Center Boundary should be reexamined to determine whether properties on the boundary's periphery and/or located nearby now contain characteristics that would warrant expanding the boundary, possibly as far down as Oak Street, to include those properties within the Neighborhood Center, and;

WHEREAS, lastly, the Council understands that there seems to be confusion between applicable TNZD regulations and Landmark Guidelines as they relate to the approval and placement of signage on properties located within the TNZD, which makes it difficult for businesses to understand what type of signage is permitted on which property, and;

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes for all sign regulations within the TNZD to be reviewed and make recommendations on how to alleviate any conflicts between these TNZD regulations applicable to signage,

Now therefore be it ordained by the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government as follows:

Section I: The Metro Council hereby requests that the Planning Commission, through its staff in the Department of Develop Louisville, evaluate the TNZD regulations, particularly as those regulations relate to signage on properties within the TNZD and the list of land uses currently set forth in the “Traditional Neighborhood Zoning District Plan Report for Old Louisville/Limerick,” Appendix 2B of Chapter 2 of the Land Development Code, to determine: A) resolutions between any conflicts and/or confusion in local regulations that pertain to signage on properties located within the TNZD; and B) the effectiveness of current TNZD land use regulations based on whether those regulations are achieving their purposes as originally outlined in the TNZD Plan, and particularly whether the current land use listing should be expanded to include additional commercial uses.

Section II: The Metro Council hereby also requests that the Planning Commission examine the current Neighborhood Center boundary on the TNZD Plan Map to determine whether it should be extended, possibly as far as Oak Street, to include properties located either on its periphery or located nearby that have characteristics that would warrant their inclusion in the Neighborhood Center.

Section III: The Metro Council hereby requests that after the Planning Commission and Develop Louisville have accomplished Council’s requests as outlined in Sections I and II above, the Planning Commission hold a duly noticed public hearing to present its findings and make recommendations to the Metro Council on any proposed amendments to regulations related to signage and land uses on properties located within the TNZD as well as a recommendation related to whether an extension of the Neighborhood Center boundary is warranted to include additional properties that now exhibit characteristics of the Neighborhood Center.

Section IV: This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk

David W. Tandy President of the Council

d: _____ Approve

Greg Fischer Mayor

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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