



CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

City Council

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: May 27, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Knoxville-Knox County Planning

DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE: Amy Brooks

AGENDA SUMMARY An Ordinance to amend the Knoxville City Code, Appendix B, Zoning Code, Article 12.8, Landscape Buffer Yards, R. Bentley Marlow, Applicant. (Planning Commission Approved 14-0 Consent) (File No. 8-E-23-OA) (All Council Districts)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED All Districts

BACKGROUND The applicant requested consideration of amendments to the Knoxville City Code, Appendix B, Zoning Code, Article 12.8 Landscape Buffer Yards. The Planning Commission originally considered these amendments on August 10, 2023. At this meeting, several amendments were proposed by a Planning Commissioner. The item was postponed and then ultimately tabled at the November 2023 meeting. The item was removed from the table by the applicant at the November 2024 meeting. At that time, staff recommended approval of one of the amendments and denial of the remainder. The item was again postponed to provide time for more collaboration between the applicant, stakeholders, and staff. The final draft amendments that were ultimately approved at the April 10, 2025 Planning Commission meeting are a result of the discussion between staff and the applicant.

RECOMMENDATION The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments to the Knoxville City Code, Appendix B, Zoning Code, Article 12.8, Landscape Buffer Yards because they provide accommodations that facilitate the development of small lots and residences while maintaining the integrity of the purpose of the Landscape Article provided in Article 12.1, by a vote of 14-0 Consent.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE N/A

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

Planning Commission Meeting	4/10/2025	Published ad on 7/18/23, 9/12/23, 9/17/24
Knoxville City Council	5/13/2025	Published ad on 4/15/2025

Approved on first reading at the 5/13/2025 regular meeting by vote of 8-0.

FISCAL INFORMATION N/A