RECOMMENDATION OF THE URBAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION OF LEXINGTON AND FAYETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

ZOTA 2018-1: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8-1 FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN RE:

FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP - petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 8-1

of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the size of allowable accessory structures.

Having considered the above matter on February 22, 2018, at a Public Hearing and having voted 7-2 that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend APPROVAL of the text Staff Alternative text for this matter for the following reasons:

1. The proposed text amendment to allow accessory structures for places of religious assembly is consistent with the community's goals of preservation of the agricultural and rural character that makes Lexington-Fayette County unique. The proposed restriction will limit accessory structures in size and scope so they will not have a detrimental effect on the Agricultural Rural (A-R) zoned land in the Rural Service Area

2. The proposed text amendment complies with the requirements of the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA).

ATTEST: This 9th day of March, 2018.

WILLIAM WILSON

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petition was represented by Dick Murphy, attorney.

OBJECTORS

None

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VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: (7) Bell, Brewer, Cravens, Forester, Mundy, Richardson and Wilson

NAYS: (2) Owens and Plumlee

ABSENT: (2) Berkley and Penn

ABSTAINED: (0)

DISQUALIFIED: (0)

Motion for Approval of ZOTA 2018-1 carried.

Enclosures: Recommended Text

Application Staff Reports

Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting.