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

**IN RE: PLN-ZOTA-24-00005: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES 5, 18, AND 26: LANDSCAPING AND TREE PROTECTION** – a text amendment to amend Articles 5, 18, and 26 to update landscaping and tree protection standards.

Having considered the above matter on **July 25, 2024**, at a Public Hearing, and having voted **6-0** that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend **APPROVAL** of this matter for the following reasons:

1. The proposed text amendment supports and implements the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, in the following ways:
  - a. The amendment supports collaboration with LFUCG Environmental Services by pursuing incentives and regulatory approaches that encourage creativity and sustainability in housing development (Theme A, Goal #1.a).
  - b. The amendment provides well-designed neighborhoods and communities by ensuring all new development includes minimizing the disruption of natural features when building new communities and promotes, maintains, and expands the urban forest throughout Lexington (Theme A, Goal #3.c & #3.d).
  - c. The amendment promotes the synchronization of intragovernmental planning, funding, programs, and activities across LFUCG departments and divisions; ensuring that all planning and operational activities that impact the protection, conservation and restoration of landscapes, natural resources, and our natural environment are aligned, helping to identify and protect natural resources and landscapes before development occurs (Theme B, Goal #3.b & #3.c).
  - d. The amendment incentivizes green building and sustainable development (Theme B, Goal #3.c), and promotes, maintains, and expands the urban forest (Theme A, Goal #3.d) through innovative open space and greenspace designs.

ATTEST: This 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

  
Secretary, Jim Duncan

LARRY FORESTER  
CHAIR  
*by Traci Wade*

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petitioner was represented by **Eve Miller, Senior Planner, Long Range Planning**.

**OBJECTORS**

- Dick Murphy, representing the Building Industry Association of Central Kentucky.

**OBJECTIONS**

- Stated that he could not fully support the text amendments until phase two because they do not know how this will impact them yet.

**VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

AYES: (6) Barksdale, Michler, Owens, Pohl, Wilson, and Worth  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSENT: (4) Johnathon Davis, Zack Davis, Forester, and Nicol

ABSTAINED: (0)  
DISQUALIFIED: (0)

Motion for **APPROVAL** of **PLN-ZOTA-24-00005** carried.

Enclosures:     Application  
                  Proposed Language  
                  Staff Reports  
                  Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting