

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 15-5(a) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO FURTHER THE GOALS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT BY PERMITTING HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMPS FOR MOBILITY PURPOSES WHEN LOCATED IN THE REQUIRED FRONT, SIDE OR REAR YARDS OF ANY ZONE. (URBAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION).

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission has considered text amendments to Article 15 of the Zoning Ordinance to further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act by permitting handicap accessible ramps for mobility purposes when located in the required front, side or rear yards of any zone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on this proposed text amendment on July 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did recommend APPROVAL of the text amendment by a vote of 10-0; and

WHEREAS, this Council agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation form of the Planning Commission is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That Article 15-5(a) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Lexington-Fayette
Urban County Government is hereby amended to read as follows:

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR HEIGHTS, YARDS, WALLS, FENCES, PROJECTIONS, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND INFILL/REDEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION

15-5 PROJECTIONS

15-5(a) COVERED PORCHES, STAIRWAYS, TERRACES — Covered porches, stairways, terraces or other similar features, the floor level of which is not over three (3) feet above the established grade and does not extend above the level of the first floor of the building, when open and unenclosed, may project into a required front, side or rear yard no more than eight (8) feet; provided that such covered porches, stairways, terraces, or other similar features conform to the provision of Section 15-5(d). Ramps providing handicap access for mobility purposes shall be permitted to extend into any required yard to the extent necessary to further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section 2-That this Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: September 11, 2014

MAYOR MAYOR

ATTEST:

Clerk of Urban County Council

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