

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

1. **ZOTA 2017-4 & SRA 2017-2: DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE EXAMINER** – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Articles 5, 8-1, 18, and 26 of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as Article 6-10 of the Land Subdivision Regulations to allow the LFUCG Division of Environmental Services to assume the duties of the former Landscape Examiner in the Division of Building Inspection.

REQUESTED BY: Urban County Planning Commission

PROPOSED TEXT: Copies are available from the staff.

The Zoning Committee Recommended: **Approval.**

The Staff Recommends: **Approval.** for the following reasons:

1. The proposed text amendments will update the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Regulations to accurately reflect organizational changes made within the Urban County Government.
2. These changes will ensure more experienced and qualified personnel within the Urban County Government are assigned to monitor and inspect landscape material throughout the community. Adequate enforcement will also ensure that the existing tree canopy on developed land is not diminished.

Staff Zoning Presentation – Ms. Wade presented and summarized the staff report and recommendations for this text amendment. She said this is a request made by the Division of Environmental Services, to changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Regulations to enable them to transfer responsibility for the Landscape Examiner position mentioned in the Ordinance from the Division of Building Inspection to the Division of Environmental Services. She said that this change has already occurred in terms of the organization, as a new employee has been hired to assume these duties in Environmental Services.

Citizen Comment – There were no citizens present to speak to this application.

Discussion – There was none.

Action – A motion was made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Plumlee, and carried 8-0 (Brewer and Drake absent) to approve **ZOTA 2017-4 & SRA 2017-2: DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE EXAMINER**, for the reasons provided by the staff.