

ORDINANCE NO. _____-2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 7-5 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission has considered a text amendment to Article 7-5 of the Zoning Ordinance to modify the notification requirements for conditional use permit applications to the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on this proposed text amendment on June 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did recommend DISAPPROVAL of the Council initiated proposed text amendment, and approval of a staff alternative text, by a vote of 8-1; and

WHEREAS, this Council disagrees 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 7-5 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Board shall fix a reasonable time for hearing an action or appeal and shall give public notice in accordance with KRS Chapter 424, as well as written notice as set forth more fully herein. Any person may appear at the hearing personally or by attorney. All applications shall be decided by the Board within sixty (60) days from the date of the application, unless postponement is granted pursuant to the Board's bylaws.

When an application is made for a variance, written notice shall be given at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the public hearing on the application to the applicant, Division of Building Inspection, and to the owner of every parcel of property within two hundred (200) feet of the property to which the application applies. In the event that the subject property adjoins land which is zoned Agricultural Urban (A-U), Agricultural Rural (A-R), Agricultural Natural Areas (A-N), or Agricultural Buffer (A-B), notification shall be given by first-class mail to not only those properties within a 200-foot radius of the subject property, but to the next two properties beyond those included in the 200-foot radius; but in no event shall notice be required for property more than twenty-four hundred (2,400) feet from the subject property.

When an application is made for a conditional use permit, administrative review, non-conforming use or structure appeal, or any other appeal, written notice shall be given at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the public hearing on the application to the applicant, Division of Building Inspection, and to owners of parcels of property within eight hundred (800) feet of the property to which the application applies. In the event that the subject property adjoins land which is zoned Agricultural Urban (A-U), Agricultural Rural (A-R), Agricultural Natural Areas (A-N), or Agricultural Buffer (A-B), notification shall be given by first-class mail to not only those properties within a 800-foot radius of the subject property, but to the next two properties beyond those included in the 800-foot radius; but in no event shall notice be required for property more than one (1) mile from the subject property. In addition, notification shall also be given by first class mail to the neighborhood or homeowner's association which is nearest to the subject property, regardless of distance. Such association must be duly registered with the government through its Division of GIS.

All written notice shall be by first-class mail, with certification by the Board's Secretary or other officer that the notice was mailed. It shall be the duty of the applicant to furnish to the Board the name and address of an owner of each parcel of property as described in this section and of the nearest neighborhood or homeowner's association. Records maintained by the Property Valuation Administrator may be relied upon to determine the identity and address of said owner. In the event such property is in condominium or cooperative forms of ownership, then the person notified by mail shall be the president or chairperson of the owner group that administers property commonly owned by the condominium or cooperative owners.

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

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
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