




**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Jim Gray  
Urban County Council

**FROM:**   
Susan Plueger, Director  
Division of Environmental Services

**DATE:** January 22, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Request authorization to grant a variance from the Richmond Road Corridor Ordinance related to development at 2576 Richmond Road

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**Request**

The Division of Environmental Services, on behalf of the Corridors Commission, requests approval of a variance from the Richmond Road Corridor Ordinance (213-83), to be granted to Time to Shine Car Wash, Inc. for the property at 2576 Richmond Road, allowing for implementation of a modified planting plan.

**Why are you requesting?**

The Richmond Road Corridor Ordinance (213-83) requires the owners of developing properties abutting portions of Richmond Road to install specific landscaping items within and along the corridor. Time to Shine Car Wash, Inc. has requested a variance from this ordinance for the property located at 2576 Richmond Road. In addition to other commercial landscaping internal to the property required by Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Richmond Road ordinance specifically requires the planting of fourteen crabapple trees in the abutting service road median (see attached map). The Division of Environmental Services concurs that the plan should be modified, as it does not follow several of the standards in the current LFUCG Planting Manual.

During its January 18, 2018 meeting, the Corridors Commission heard the request for the variance and voted to send the item to Urban County Council for approval, with the stipulation that the developer implement a modified planting plan acceptable to the Division of Environmental Services' commercial landscape examiner. It is noted that any plantings must also be approved through an encroachment



permit from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, as the service road median lies within State right-of-way.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?**

There is no cost associated with this action.

**Are funds budgeted? N/A**

**File Number: 0098-18**

**Director/Commissioner: Susan Plueger/Dowell Hoskins-Squier**

