

(Proposal No. 2021Z-003TX-001).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Section 17.40.720 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection D.:

D. Historic Zoning Commission Preservation Permits. No action shall be taken by the historic zoning commission on a preservation permit application under Section 17.40.420 unless, at least eleven days prior to consideration of the application by the commission, the permit applicant provides written notice by U.S. Mail of the date, time, and place of the commission meeting to all property owners adjacent to the subject property. The applicant shall be responsible for the costs associated with the preparation of the written notice and shall be responsible for the mailing of such written notices.

Section 2. That Section 17.40.730 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended by deleting the first paragraph and replacing it with the following:

Public notice signs shall be posted in accordance with the following provisions on any property subject to council consideration of an amendment to the official zoning map, or to the consideration of a variance, hillside exception or a special exception use permit by the board of zoning appeals. Notwithstanding, the following provisions shall not apply to a change in zoning district title or the specific provisions therein upon the adoption or subsequent amendment of this title. Public notice signs shall be posted in accordance with subsection E of this section on any property subject to consideration of certain preservation permit applications under Section 17.40.420 by the historic zoning commission.

Section 3. That Section 17.40.730 of the Metropolitan Code is further amended by adding the following new subsection E:

E. Historic Zoning Commission Preservation Permits. Public notice signs shall be posted on any property subject to consideration by the historic zoning commission of a preservation permit application which proposes demolition of a historic building, new construction of a primary building, an addition or outbuilding for a corner lot, or any other preservation permit that requires a setback determination. The public notice sign shall be installed on affected properties no less than eleven days prior to the consideration by the historic zoning commission. The number and placement of public notice signs shall be posted in accordance with subsection C. The applicant shall be responsible for both the cost of preparation of these public notice signs and the placement of the signs in accordance with this provision.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, that this ordinance shall take effect 60 days after its passage and such change be published in a newspaper of general circulation, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance, as substituted, amends Sections 17.40.720 and 17.40.730 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to require public notice for applications for permits from the Historic Zoning Commission. A preservation permit that meets certain specified conditions would require that written notice of the Historic Zoning Commission meeting where the permit would be considered by US Mail of the date, time, and place to all property owners within two hundred and fifty feet of the subject property at least eleven days prior to the meeting. The applicant would be responsible for preparation and mailing of the written notices.

Further, public notice signs would be required for a property subject to consideration by the historic zoning commission of a preservation permit application which meets certain specified conditions. The sign would be required to be installed on the subject property no less than eleven days prior to the consideration by the historic zoning commission. The sign must be double-sided with 24" (vertical) by 36" (horizontal) dimensions posted at every fifty feet of public road frontage, excluding alleys in a manner to best inform the monitoring public without creating a safety hazard. The sign would also be required to contain the time, date, and location of the scheduled public hearing at the Historic Zoning Commission, the general nature of the hearing, and a phone number for additional information. The applicant would be responsible for the costs of preparing and placing the signs, as well as providing proof of compliance to the Historic Zoning Commission.

This ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission.