

D. Any other application in which the board is required or requested to act.

Section 3. The Metropolitan Clerk is directed to publish a notice announcing such change in a newspaper of general circulation within five days following final passage.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of above said notice announcing such change in a newspaper of general circulation, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance amends Sections 17.40.740 and 17.40.770 of the Metropolitan Code to clarify when a council member may use a fee waiver for an item heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals and to relocate the allowance for fee waivers from Section 17.40.770 to Section 17.40.740. As proposed, the ordinance would allow a council member to waive the required fees for up to two applications to the Board of Zoning Appeals per fiscal year provided that each application has an identified community benefit and either the application is not for the benefit of an individual property owner/developer or the property owner affected by the application demonstrates an inability to pay the required fee. The ordinance also relocates this allowance from Section 17.40.770 to 17.40.740, where waivers for other fees established in the Zoning Code are contained.

Currently, council members are allowed two fee waivers per calendar year provided that the applications receiving a waiver do not benefit an individual property owner or developer.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to hear this item at their June 27, 2024, meeting.