



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance to amend Title 17 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws, the Zoning Ordinance of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, to refine the urban design standards within Chapter 17.37, Downtown Code, relating to permitted façade materials, all of which is described herein (Proposal No. 2021Z-007TX-001). **THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE REQUIRES CERTAIN MATERIALS TO BE RESTRICTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.**

WHEREAS, The Council of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County adopted the Downtown Code (DTC) on February 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Government recognizes the importance of updating, clarifying, and refining the Downtown Code (DTC) standards to encourage high quality, sustainable urban development; and

WHEREAS, the DTC standards provide opportunities for businesses to thrive, while enhancing the character of Downtown through mixed-use development, housing choices, and commercial and entertainment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the refinement of the DTC standards will continue to ensure a quality urban experience for the citizens and businesses of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, The DTC requires updates from time-to-time as downtown continues to grow and evolve as a neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1: That Chapter 17.37 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended by adding a new section entitled "Materials" prior to the "Auto-oriented canopies and awnings" section on page 68 of DTC as follows:

Materials

- All façade materials, exclusive of clear fenestration, shall be high quality and selected from the following list: masonry, masonry panels, textured metal, metal paneling, precast concrete, precast concrete panel, fiber cement panel, fiber cement siding, spandrel glass (on upper stories only), or materials substantially similar in form and function. This requirement applies to any façade visible from a public street, open space, or interstate in all subdistricts.
- Alternative facade materials may be used if determined to be appropriate by the Planning Staff. Any determination made by the Planning Staff may be appealed to the DTC DRC.
- Modifications may be permitted insofar as it is determined that these materials are necessary to further an established, overriding policy goal and will not significantly diminish the pedestrian experience.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, that this ordinance shall take effect immediately 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.