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Subject: Agenda Item # 5 for MPC meeting 9-13-12

To: mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org**To: MPC Commissioners****From: Community Forum, Sue Mauer, Chairperson****Re: Agenda Item #5, MPC File No. 9-A-12-0A -- Ordinance Amendment to the City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance to Permit courtyard development in some residential zone districts****Date: September 12, 2012**

Community Forum, is an organization which includes representatives from many neighborhoods in Knoxville and Knox County.

Community Forum is very concerned about Agenda Item #5, regarding a Zoning Amendment to permit courtyard developments.

We believe that the proposed Ordinance, as drafted, needs significant modifications. We therefore request that consideration of this Ordinance be postponed by MPC so that public workshops can be held to receive specific input from neighborhood associations and individuals in order to improve the Ordinance before it is voted on. We believe that it would be more efficient if this kind of transparent and public process would be followed in the future, especially when Amendments which affect the entire community are being considered.

We believe that this important Ordinance should be fully discussed by the community after a careful review of the proposal. Although we are already aware of serious concerns by some organizations, many others have not even had an opportunity to meet and take a position before this proposal is to be discussed and voted on by MPC.

We specifically believe that courtyard developments are not appropriate for R-1, R-1A and R-1E zones. Furthermore, there should be more careful consideration of the appropriateness of such developments for other zones. We also believe there are other aspects of the Ordinance that should be modified.

We would appreciate your distributing a copy of this letter to all members of MPC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sue Mauer

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