



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Electronic Meetings

**Knoxville, Tennessee – April 3, 2020** – Knoxville-Knox County Planning is introducing virtual meetings to help move local business forward, while keeping health and public safety a priority. The upcoming Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, will be held entirely online.

In accordance with Governor Lee's Executive Order Number 16, all Planning Commissioners and staff will participate remotely in the meeting, hosted via Zoom.

We remain committed to the public involvement process, so there will be several options for viewing and participation in the Planning Commission meeting.

If you are interested in watching, it will be aired live on [CTV](#) and [YouTube](#).

Applicants, citizens, homeowners' groups, and others may participate in the Zoom meeting, but to do so, you must register in advance. Registration details can be found on our [website](#) and in the meeting details on our [online calendar](#).

If you are not an applicant, and you are interested in speaking about a specific agenda item, email us at [contact@knoxplanning.org](mailto:contact@knoxplanning.org) no later than Wednesday, April 8, at 3:00 p.m. with your full name, phone number, and the agenda item of interest.

If you do not wish to speak during the meeting, you may still send comments to us on specific agenda items – they must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, to [commission@knoxplanning.org](mailto:commission@knoxplanning.org). Include the Planning file number when commenting on a specific case.

As always, we will record the meeting's proceedings and post to our meeting archive on the [Planning Commission webpage](#) on our website.

We hope the virtual atmosphere will help us continue to serve the public and make participation accessible during these times.

And we're still open for business! Send questions and comments about our online meeting process or other development matters to [contact@knoxplanning.org](mailto:contact@knoxplanning.org), or call us at 865-215-2500.

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#### Knoxville-Knox County Planning

Knoxville-Knox County Planning (formerly Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission) was established in 1956 by Knoxville and Knox County as the agency responsible for comprehensive county-wide planning and administration of zoning and land subdivision regulations and remains so today (except for the town of Farragut). Funding comes primarily from city and county appropriations and from federal grants for specific studies. The agency prepares and adopts a general plan, reviews subdivision regulations and site plans, prepares and recommends zoning ordinances and maps to the Knox County Commission and Knoxville City Council, reviews proposed zoning amendments, and prepares a capital improvements plan for the City of Knoxville. For more information, visit our website at [knoxplanning.org](http://knoxplanning.org).