



# Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee

March 25, 2020



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## Staff Recommendation for Committee Sub

- That the ordinance apply to applications filed before March 12, 2020 (the date the emergency declaration was issued) AND currently scheduled to be heard at the April 7, April 21, or May 5 City Plan Commission Hearing.
  - Those applications scheduled for May 19 CPC could technically meet the requirements of the public engagement ordinance and not violate the emergency declaration, assuming it ends as currently planned on April 24.
- That the ordinance allow the director to extend it to apply to applications filed prior to March 12 and scheduled for subsequent CPC meetings should the emergency declaration be extended.
  - If this is considered there should be discussion about whether the March 12 date is important. Keeping the March 12 date would ensure that developers cannot rush to file applications during this suspension in order to avoid requirement but it would also have the effect of stalling development during uncertain economic times.





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- The need for the suspension is because the current ordinance requires in-person neighborhood meetings.
- Other aspects of the current ordinance are built around this meeting, including:
  - Contacting the neighborhood representatives in writing to initiate a dialogue about who hosts the meeting.
  - Mailing invitation to the meeting to all property owners within 300 feet.





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- Some solutions:
  - Some applicants have asked if they can host virtual meetings.
    - Not all applicants have this capacity, not to mention some citizens and neighborhoods.
  - Require applicants to send notice of their application and a website link to where the plans can be reviewed (they could utilize CompassKC if they have no other site) and an email address where comments and questions can be sent but suspend the requirement for a meeting (in-person or virtual).

