



**CITY OF JONESVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
CITY HALL**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. August 14, 2019 Meeting
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION**
 - A. Ordinance No. 218 – Projections into Yards; Electronic Changeable Copy Signs
 1. Public Hearing
 2. Action on the Ordinance Amendment [ROLL CALL][Action Item]
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. None
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Project Updates
- 8. ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm**



To: Jonesville Planning Commission
From: Jeffrey M. Gray, City Manager
Date: August 9, 2019
Re: Manager Report and Recommendations – August 14, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting

5. A. 1. Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 218 – Projections into Yards; Electronic Changeable Copy Signs

This is the time reserved on the agenda for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed Ordinance No. 218, which would allow covered porches and decks on residential buildings to extend up to 10 feet into front or rear setbacks. The amendment would also provide regulations to allow electronic changeable copy signs.

5. A. 2. Action on Ordinance No. 218

[ROLL CALL][Action Item]

Following the receipt of public comments, the Planning Commission may take action to approve, deny, or to postpone action on the Ordinance amendment to receive additional information.

As requested by the Planning Commission at the August 14th meeting, staff has prepared an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to permit covered porches, decks and patios to extend up to 10 feet into the required front or rear setback. This amendment will address some recent variance requests to cover existing decks, or to construct new covered porches on existing homes. The Zoning Board of Appeals has found that covered porches with open sides enhance the appearance and character of homes and neighborhoods and has granted variance requests to encroach in the front setback. It is recommended that these encroachments be permitted by Ordinance so that applicants will not be required to apply for a variance for a desired improvement.

The ordinance amendment would also adjust sign regulations to allow for electronic message signs. These are sign boards that display images and text on electronic boards, often using LED technology. The advantage of these signs is that the message can change, increasing the advertising that can take place in a fixed space. Currently, these signs are not permitted in the City under the Zoning Ordinance.

The ordinance language includes standards for the frequency that the electronic message can change, the brightness of the message, and a prohibition on moving, flashing, or scrolling copy. The Planning Commission recognizes the commercial value of this modern technology, but has been careful to craft language that will reduce the chance for these signs to become a distraction to drivers or a nuisance to surrounding properties.

The action of the Planning Commission will be a recommendation to the City Council. Council will also hold a public hearing on the amendment. I recommend the Planning Commission take up a motion to recommend that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 218. Approval of an Ordinance Amendment requires a roll call vote. *Please refer to the attached Ordinance No. 218 and Public Hearing Notice.*

7. A. Project Updates

This section of the agenda is reserved for an update on current and pending projects in the City.