

## CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council strives to be flexible and efficient while handling the business of the citizens we serve; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike other City Council Ordinances and Resolutions, applications that come before the Memphis City Council Planning and Zoning Committee are placed on the committee agenda as well as the full council agenda and are voted on in committee and by the full body the same day; and

**WHEREAS**, by the time a planning or zoning case has reached the point of City Council action, the applicant has had much contact with the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Planning and Development staff and often a professional representative hired to guide the applicant and the case through the approval process and applicants are advised by their hired representative and OPD staff that they must appear in Planning and Zoning Committee as well as the afternoon Memphis City Council meeting the day their case appears on the City Council Agenda for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the fact that time is almost always of essence in gaining approval of their case and contrary to the advice of OPD staff and their own representatives, applicants are often not present in Planning and Zoning Committee and do not arrive until the afternoon City Council meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Memphis City Council that absent prior arrangements or extenuating circumstances, planning and zoning applicants who are not present in the Memphis City Council Planning and Zoning Committee to have their case heard must wait until the next City Council meeting for their case to be voted on by the full body.

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