

county growth plan

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While the city of Knoxville is looking to revise its aging zoning regulations to create more residential and secondary dwellings on residential sites, the Knox County Commission appears to be moving to do exactly the opposite. For a couple of years some commissioners have discussed putting away from the current restrictive planning and opening up more land for development.

The commission recently voted to ask the state and local state representatives to look into pulling Knox County from the state-required Urban Growth Plan. That plan may end or "burned" in 2020 but the legislature may renew it, requiring the county to again work with Knoxville and Farragut to create and oversee the local version.

Last week's work session saw the commission talk about funding the updates of the County Growth and General Plans. The agenda item had a blank space for the amount of funding. Chairman Hugh Rytstrom called on Knoxville-Knox County Planning Director Gerald Green to speak on the idea.

Green told the commission that developing a separate county growth plan, with or without the state required

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CAK junior Hannah Carroll (4) battles insiders against University School of Jackson Friday night in the Division II-A state quarterfinal game at Christian Academy of Knoxville. The Lady Warriors pulled out a 62-59 overtime win and will advance to the state semifinal round Friday in Nashville. Please see game story on CAK and other high school basketball tournament