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Mayor Jacobs To Comment on Proposed Growth Policy Plan

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will be available today and Tuesday for interviews about the proposed Growth Policy Plan.

“I understand that there are a lot of questions surrounding our proposal. After all, this is a complex issue. Nevertheless, I want to reiterate that our goals throughout this process have been to 1) mitigate skyrocketing housing prices, 2) limit urban sprawl, and 3) preserve our beautiful open spaces,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “I believe our proposal does all of those things. Is everyone going to love it? Obviously not, but if we don’t adopt this plan and keep on with the status quo, housing costs will continue to rise, and farms and open spaces will be gobbled up—something that’s already happened in parts of the County.”

Members of the Knox County Growth Policy Coordinating Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10 to hear from the public and consider amendments to the Growth Policy Plan. The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Knox County began the process to create its first Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan several years ago. Advance Knox is a data driven process to create a plan to guide growth, land use, transportation, economic prosperity, and quality of life for years to come. To support the county’s growing population, housing needs and businesses, the Growth Policy Plan must be updated.

Though Knox County has experienced significant growth, the Growth Policy Plan hasn’t been updated in almost 20 years. Updating the map and plan are an important piece of this process. After more than two years of community engagement on this project, and working with a team of consultants, we are ready to move forward with a plan for adoption.

For more information about Advance Knox, copies of the amendments, and members of the committee, please contact the project team at contact@advanceknox.org or visit the [website](#).

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