

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Inspections Department

**AGENDA DATE:** April 4, 2017, Introduction  
April 18, 2017, Public Hearing

**CONTACT PERSON:** Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1500,  
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**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** Districts 1 and 8

**SUBJECT:**

An ordinance amending Title 18 (Building and Construction), Chapter 18.18 (Outdoor Lighting Code), Article X (Other Exemptions) to revise and add exemptions related to ornamental lighting elements along certain heritage corridors. The penalty is provided for in Chapter 18.18.400 of the El Paso City Code. (Districts 1 and 8)

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The proposed ordinance revises and clarifies an existing exemption for lighting along heritage corridors by adding the Kern Place Neighborhood Corridor to the existing El Paso International Airport Corridor. The purpose of the exemption is to allow for ornamental lighting including but not limited to string lights and lighted archways and spires within the public rights-of-way to mark key entrances, gateways and corridors within our community. The existing exemption for the El Paso International Airport Corridor and the added exemption for the Kern Place Neighborhood Corridor are two of the ten neighborhood gateways identified in the Sun City Lights – Heritage Corridors Master Plan.

**Attachments:**

Proposed Ordinance  
Redline of Proposed Ordinance

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

On May 17, 2016, the El Paso City Council directed staff to move forward with the Sun City Lights initiative to identify the city's historic and iconic heritage corridors.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

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**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

Larry F. Nichols, Director  
Planning and Inspections Department

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION), CHAPTER 18.18 (OUTDOOR LIGHTING CODE), ARTICLE X (OTHER EXEMPTIONS) TO REVISE AND ADD EXEMPTIONS RELATED TO ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING ELEMENTS ALONG CERTAIN HERITAGE CORRIDORS. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 18.18.400 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, Title 18 (Building and Construction) of the El Paso City Code was adopted to promote the health safety, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of entrances, gateways, and corridors in identifying destinations and linking key places within our community; and

WHEREAS, exemptions from the outdoor lighting code for decorative elements to identify entrances gateways, and corridors is reasonable and necessary in order to promote the City's long-term vision to have safe and beautiful neighborhoods, a vibrant economy and exceptional recreational and cultural opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

**SECTION 1.** That Title 18 (Building and Construction), Chapter 18.18 (Outdoor Lighting Code), Section 18.18.377 (El Paso International Airport Corridor) of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

**18.18.377 – Heritage Corridors.**

Ornamental lighting including but not limited to string lights, lighted archways and spires located within the public rights-of-way for the following heritage corridors are exempt from all requirements of this Chapter:

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ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

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Title 18 Amendment – Exception for Kern Place Entertainment District

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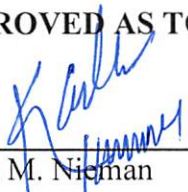
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Mayor

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City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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