

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

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Inspections Department, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: October 18, 2016
Public Hearing: November 1, 2016

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

An ordinance amending Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter 20.18 (Sign Regulations), Article III (Billboard Regulations), Section 20.18.270 (Relocation of Billboards) to revise the height requirements for relocated billboards; the penalty being as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of the El Paso City Code. (All Districts)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On September 6, 2016 The City Plan Commission recommended Approval on a 6-0 vote.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

There is no prior City Council action on this ordinance amendment.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

City Plan Commission (CPC) – Recommended Approval 6-0.

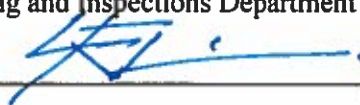
*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Larry F. Nichols
Director, Planning and Inspections Department



APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 20 (ZONING), CHAPTER 20.18 (SIGN REGULATIONS), ARTICLE III (BILLBOARD REGULATIONS), SECTION 20.18.270 (RELOCATION OF BILLBOARDS) TO REVISE THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR RELOCATED BILLBOARDS; THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, Title 20 (Zoning) of the El Paso City Code was adopted to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has adopted height regulations for signs along interstate and primary highways; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to adopt height regulations for signs that conform with State regulations; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment was held before the City Plan Commission, and the Commission recommended approval of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council has determined that this amendment is in the best interest of the public and will promote the public health, safety and welfare of the City;

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

SECTION 1. That Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter 20.18 (Sign Regulations), Article III (Billboard Regulations), Section 20.18.270 (Relocation of Billboards), Sub-section 20.18.270(E) (Restrictions on Relocations) of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

12. The height of a relocated billboard may not exceed forty-two and one-half feet (42 ½) above grade of the center point of the main-traveled way. For the purposes of this section, height is measured from the centerline of the main-traveled way closest to the sign face, at a point perpendicular to the sign location. A frontage road of a controlled access highway or freeway is not considered the main-traveled way for purposes of this subsection. In the event that the main-traveled way that is perpendicular to the sign structure is below grade, sign height will be measured from the base of the sign structure.

SECTION 2. Except as herein amended, Title 20 (Zoning) of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2016.

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ATTEST:

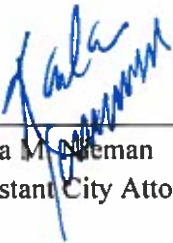
CITY OF EL PASO

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

Oscar Leaser, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Karla M. Nieman
Assistant City Attorney



Larry F. Nichols, Director
Planning and Inspection Department

ORDINANCE NO. _____
16-1007-1791 / 568001_2
Billboard Heights Amendment
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2016

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager

FROM: Raul Garcia, Lead Planner

SUBJECT: Title 20 Ordinance Amendment

The City Plan Commission (CPC), on September 6, 2016 voted 6-0 to recommend approval of an ordinance amending Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter 20.18 (Sign Regulations), Article III (Billboard Regulations), Section 20.18.270 (Relocation of Billboards) to revise the height requirements for relocated billboards.

The CPC found that the amendment is in conformance with Plan El Paso. The CPC also determined that the amendment protects the best interest, health, safety and welfare of the public in general; that the proposed amendment is compatible with adjacent land uses; and, that the amendment will have no negative effects on the natural environment, social economic conditions, and property values in the vicinity and the city as a whole.

The Planning Division has not received any letters or phone calls in support or opposition of the amendment request.

Attachments:
Ordinance Amendment