



**Public Hearing  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 30  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 02/26/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-10 of the City Code relating to nonconforming signs to allow location of new off-premise signs (billboards) in various locations in the City if an existing off-premise sign is removed. (Suggested time and date: March 11, 2004, 6:00 p.m., Lower Colorado River Authority, Hancock Building)

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Watershed Protection and **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:** Development Review **AUTHORIZATION:** Joe Pantalion

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luci Gallahan, 974-2669; Martha Vincent, 974-3371

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** To be reviewed by Planning Commission on February 24, 2004.

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The proposed ordinance amendment would accomplish the following:

It would allow a nonconforming off-premise sign in the City to be relocated to a tract that:

- Is located in a commercial, industrial, or commercial/mixed use zoning district.
- Is not in an urban renewal or redevelopment area designated by Council.
- Does not abut residential development.
- Is not located within 500 feet of a historic structure or district.
- Does not abut a scenic roadway as defined in Section 25-10-6 of the City Code.

The proposed ordinance would allow the face of the relocated sign to be the same size as the sign to be removed. It would also allow the height of the new sign face to be altered to take into account both positive and negative changes in grade (elevation).

The sign owner would be required to file a removal and relocation application with the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department at least 90 days before removing a sign. The sign owner would be required to notify the property owner of the tract where the sign is to be removed that a removal and relocation application has been filed.

The sign owner would be required to construct the relocated sign not later than three years from the date the removal/relocation application is approved by the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

A new fee of \$120 is proposed for sign removal/relocation applications.

## ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

**Amendment Case #:** C20-04-001

**Planning Commission Date:** February 24, 2004

**Codes and Ordinances Committee Date:**

**Codes and Ordinances Committee Action:** N/A

**Planning Commission Action:** N/A

**Sponsoring Department:** Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

**Purpose/Background:**

City Council has directed the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department to amend Chapter 25-10 of the Land Development Code to allow the relocation of nonconforming off-premise signs.

**Recommendation:**

A nonconforming off-premise sign may be relocated to a tract that: is located in a commercial, industrial, or commercial/mixed use zoning district; is not in an urban renewal or redevelopment area designated by Council; does not abut residential development; is not located within 500 feet of a historic structure or district; or does not abut a scenic roadway. Neither the height nor face area of the relocated sign may increase. The application to remove and relocate must be submitted at least 90 days before removing a sign. The sign owner must notify the landowner of the tract from which the sign is to be removed of the filing of an application to remove and relocate the sign. The construction of the relocation must be completed within three years of the application approval.

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