



Legislation Text

File #: 16-262, **Version:** 2

ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to WITHDRAW the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE Related to SIGNS.

BACKGROUND:

NOTE ON THE REQUEST: The administration is requesting to withdraw this item at this time. The repercussions of the Supreme Court decision in Reed vs Town of Gilbert has created an uncertain enough legal environment that further time for research and review is necessary before the Council is asked to contemplate an ordinance amendment.

The Supreme Court of the United States unanimously decided the case of Reed vs Town of Gilbert, Arizona on June 18, 2015. The decision was in favor of Clyde Reed and the Good News Presbyterian Church that the Town of Gilbert's Sign Code, with respect to temporary signs, was content based and a clear violation of freedom of speech. The Community Development Department is forwarding the attached text amendment to remedy the same issues in the current sign regulations. Along with rectifying the content based sign regulations, the Community Development Department took this opportunity to reorganize, spell check and renumber various sign sections and applicable definitions of the Unified Development Code. Staff also added design requirements for awnings, canopies and signs and prohibited variations from sign dimensional requirements through the Special Use Process. Please see the provided change summary table for additional details.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS (at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting): None

IMPACT IF APPROVED: NA

IMPACT IF DENIED: NA

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2014 - 2029 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Financially Sound City Government, Effective City Organization
2. Grow Peoria: Businesses, Jobs, and Population

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Have an efficient government.
2. Grow employers and jobs.
3. Support sustainability.

DEPARTMENT: Community Development