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SIGN ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 3

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): Killeen Planning & Zoning Commission is considering changes to the Sign Ordinance in Chapter 31 of the Killeen Code of Ordinances. The public is invited to provide input at a public hearing Monday at 5 p.m. at the Utility Collections Conference Room, 210 W. Avenue C.

The Sign Ordinance was initially enacted in 1963 for the purpose of permitting and regulating signs to meet public health and safety standards and to complement land uses. It sets forth guidelines for size, placement, construction and classification among other criteria.

A recent United States Supreme Court decision, *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, significantly broadened the traditional interpretation of content-neutrality related to local sign regulations necessitating revisions to the Killeen ordinance. Proposed changes include removing provisions related to the content of signs.

Other proposed changes include allowing electronic message display signs along designated collector roads so long as they are 300 feet or more from a residential district; setting a limitation for the number of flags allowed on a property without a permit; and non-substantive changes for clarity in the ordinance. All proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance are in the attached document.

The Planning & Zoning Commission may act on the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance following the public hearing. Upon Planning & Zoning Commission approval, the proposed ordinance revisions would be forwarded to City Council for final approval.

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