City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

Amendment to Title 20
School and Church Monument Signs and Requirements

The proposed amendment is necessary to amend the sign regulations to add school and church monument signs and requirements to resolve existing conflicts with school and church uses permitted in residential zones.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 20 (ZONING), CHAPTER 20.18 (SIGN REGULATIONS) SECTION 20.18.410 (R-F, R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-5, RMH, PR-II AND PMD DISTRICTS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO ADD SCHOOL AND CHURCH MONUMENT SIGNS AND REQUIREMENTS. THE PENALTY IS 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, on October 30, 2007, the City Council adopted new regulations to regulate on-premise and off-premise signs within the City; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the sign regulations to add school and church monument signs and requirements to resolve existing conflicts with school and church monument signs in residential districts; 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, Section 20.18.410 R-F, R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-5, RMH, PR-I, PR-II and PMD districts, of the El Paso City Code be amended to add the following paragraph:

20.18.410 - R-F, R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-5, RMH, PR-I, PR-II and PMD districts

C. School and Church Monument signs shall comply with the following requirements:
1. Permit required: yes;
2. Maximum number: one sign per street frontage
3. Maximum sign area: eighty square feet per sign;
4. Maximum sign height: eight feet;
5. Location: no portion of the sign shall be closer than twenty feet from the back of the curbline; if the property line is located more than twenty feet from the curbline, signs shall be erected within the property line, and no portion of a sign shall extend beyond the property line;
6. Illumination: internal or indirect; may not be flashing or intermittent;

7. CEVM limited to no more than 50 percent of sign area; held static for no less than one minute; CEVM shall be turned off from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.; and, 50 feet distance to adjacent residential or apartment use.
8. Additional standards: shall comply with Section 20.18.400 of the El Paso City Code.

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

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____ 2012.

CITY OF EL PASO:

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Mathew McElroy,
Deputy Director
Planning & Economic Development

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

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