

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 017176 WHICH IMPOSED A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY DAYS AND ORDINANCE No. 017231 WHICH EXTENDED THE MORATORIUM PERIOD AN ADDITIONAL SIXTY DAYS ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, OR MODIFICATION OF OFF PREMISE SIGNS OR BILLBOARDS, TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM PERIOD FOR SIXTY ADDITIONAL DAYS.

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2009, the City Council of the City of El Paso adopted Ordinance No. 017176 which imposed a moratorium for a period of ninety days on the acceptance of all applications for permits and the issuance of permits for the erection, construction, or modification, including but not limited to the conversion to digital display, of any off premise sign or billboard; and,

WHEREAS, a moratorium was necessary in order to allow City Council to study the issue of off premise signs, both digital and non-digital, and their effect on the safety and economic well being of the community and to complete the review of the sign ordinance and adopt any necessary amendments; and,

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2009, City Council determined that an inventory of the number and locations of all off premise signs within the city would assist in determining any necessary amendments and be beneficial in determining the effect off premise signs on the safety and economic well being of the community and directed that such an inventory be conducted; and,

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 017231, after determining it necessary, in order to maintain the status quo of existing conditions and number of existing off premise signs, to extend the moratorium period an additional sixty days in order to complete the inventory and allow the City Council to study the issue of off premise signs; and,

WHEREAS, the inventory has been completed and requires review and analysis by City Council to determine whether any amendments to the sign ordinance are needed; and,

WHEREAS, City Council finds that extension of the moratorium period as herein provided is necessary to complete such review and analysis and that and that such further review will further protect and provide for the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the public;

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

That Ordinance No. 017176 and Ordinance No 017231 are hereby amended to extend the moratorium period an additional sixty (days). Such moratorium period shall automatically expire two hundred and ten (210) days from August 18, 2009, the date Ordinance No. 017176 was adopted by City Council, unless extended by City Council, or

upon passage by City Council of an ordinance amending Title 20 regulating off-premise signs.

Except as herein amended, all other provisions of Ordinance No. 017176 and Ordinance No. 017231 shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2010.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

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