

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

DEPARTMENT: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

AGENDA DATE: INTRODUCTION: APRIL 15, 2008
PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 6, 2008

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: LARRY F. NICHOLS/DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/(915) 541-4557

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

An ordinance amending Title 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) of the El Paso City Code, by amending Chapter 5.94 (Sign Permit Fees, Licenses and Bonds), Subsection 5.94.010A, to provide for a reduction of the permit and plan checking fees regarding signs located within the tax increment reinvestment zone no. 5 and any neighborhood empowerment zone through August 31, 2012.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

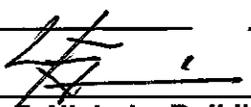
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BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: , 04/08/08
Larry F. Nichols, Building Permits & Inspections Deputy Director

OTHER: _____

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5 (BUSINESS TAXES, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5.94 (SIGN PERMIT FEES, LICENSES AND BONDS), SUBSECTION 5.94.010A, TO PROVIDE FOR A REDUCTION OF THE PERMIT AND PLAN CHECKING FEES REGARDING SIGNS LOCATED WITHIN THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 5 AND ANY NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2012.

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2006, the City Council of the City of El Paso amended the Downtown 2015 Plan, to provide for revitalization of the downtown area and directed the City Manager to prepare an implementation strategy to include a package of financial and other incentives that will encourage and energize continued and more expansive investment and improvement in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to offer fee reductions for specified sign permits and plan checking in order to encourage investment in the renovation, restoration and rehabilitation of properties and new construction within the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 5, which is located within the Downtown 2015 Plan, and within neighborhood empowerment zones designated by a resolution of the City Council in accordance with applicable State law; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of fees within a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and within neighborhood empowerment zones are properly authorized by and made in accordance with State Law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the fee reductions as set forth in this ordinance constitute a benefit to the City and will further encourage private investment within the applicable areas, and will result in minimal financial impact to the City.

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

Section 1. That Section 5.94.010, Subsection A, of the El Paso City Code (Sign permit fees, licenses and bonds) be amended to read as follows:

5.94.010 Sign permit fees, licenses and bonds, Subsection A.

A. Sign Permit Fees. Sign permit fees as established by formal action of the El Paso city council shall be paid at the time of issuance of the permit. For purposes of sign permit fees, the formulas and valuations shall set forth the calculation to determine the amount of the permit fees owed. The formulas and valuations shall be established by formal action of the El Paso city council.

1. Plan Checking Fee and Plan Deposit.

a. For a preliminary plan review requested prior to application for a permit, the fee shall be determined by formal action of the city council of the city of El Paso.

b. At the time of submitting plans for an application, a deposit equal to the preliminary plan review fee shall be required and paid in the amount of one percent of the estimated value of the sign.

2. Portable Sign Permit Fees and Renewal. The permit fee for any new or relocated portable sign shall be established by formal action of the El Paso city council.

3. Off-Premise Sign Demolition Permits. The permit fee for off-premise sign demolition permits shall be established by formal action of the El Paso city council.

4. Replacement Permits. The fee for a replacement permit shall be established by formal action of the El Paso city council.

5. The fees established by the city council under this subsection regarding signs on properties located within the boundaries of the Tax Increment Financing Zone No. 5, and any neighborhood empowerment zone which may be designated by a resolution of the City Council shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) through August 31, 2012.

Section 2. The effective date of this ordinance shall be May 12, 2008.

Section 3. Except as herein provided, Title 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2008.

(signatures appear on the following page)

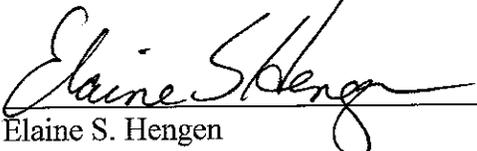
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John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

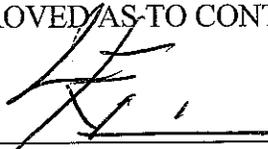
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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