

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Florencio Peña, Director Development Services

SUBJECT: Chapter 28 Signs and Billboards Code Amendments

DATE: June 9, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

An ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the City Code, titled "Signs and Billboards", regarding definitions and code language addressing bandit signs. Staff recommends approval of the City Code amendments providing for the definition and regulation of bandit signs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff received direction through a Council Consideration Request circulated by Councilpersons Perez and Radle requesting staff to place an action item on an upcoming City Council agenda to amend the City Code provisions regarding signage in public rights of way. City staff briefed the City Council Governance Committee on June 1, 2005, regarding the proposed amendments. At that time, staff was directed to bring this item forward to full Council.

The amendments would define the term "bandit sign" as a sign posted illegally in the public right of way, and would authorize the removal of such signs without the current requirement for holding the signs for a specific period so that their respective owner's might claim them. Bandit signs are defined as 6 square feet or less of advertising area and made of vinyl, paper, cloth or fabric, polyboard, coroplas, corrugated plastic, poster board, cardboard or plywood including signs with wood or wire framing, posts or stakes. Bandit signs are hereby deemed trash at the time of posting and may be removed and discarded without notice. Various individuals and businesses have used the public rights of way for advertising using these illegally bandit type signs. These amendments will allow neighborhood organizations to remove these illegally posted signs in their neighborhoods. City staff will provide literature and conduct training sessions to organizations regarding the proper identification and removal of bandit signs according to City Code.

POLICY ANALYSIS

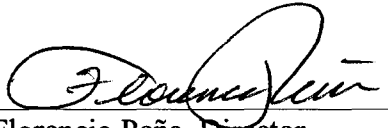
This ordinance is consistent with Council policies that promote San Antonio's quality of life and safeguard public health, safety and welfare. These provisions are consistent with the provisions of the City Code regulating signage along the City right of way.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

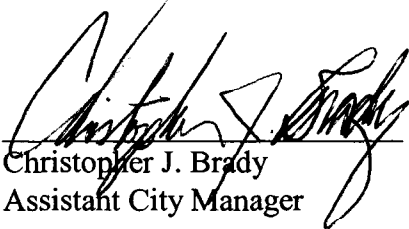
The proposed ordinance will have no financial impact on the City's general fund.

COORDINATION

This issue has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.



Florencio Peña, Director
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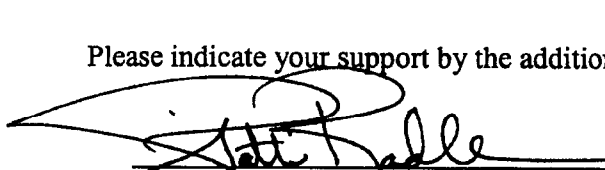
SUBJECT: Amendments to City Code regarding Signage in Public Rights of Way


DATE: May 19, 2005

We are requesting that staff draft an ordinance amending the City Code provisions regarding signage in public rights of way.

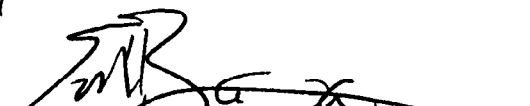
The amendments would define the term "bandit sign" as a sign posted illegally in the public right of way, and would authorize the removal of such signs without the current requirement for holding the signs for a specified period so that their respective owners might claim them. The ordinance further would make it clear that the city may authorize citizens to remove such signs.

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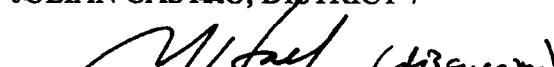

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