

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. **23**

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

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM: Florencio Peña III, Director, Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Amendments to Chapter 28, Sign Ordinance of the City Code

DATE: February 16, 2006

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Consideration of amendments to Chapter 28, Sign Ordinance of the City Code, section 28-92 clarifying language that exempts noncommercial or political signs from permit requirements and adding language to section 28-247 for the variance and appeals process to clarify that a person may appeal an interpretation of an inspector and that a written denial shall be issued upon written request of a permit denial.

Staff recommends approval of the amendments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chapter 28, Sign Ordinance of the City Code, section 28-92 (1)-(7) contains exceptions to the permit requirements of this article. Exception (7) is clarifying language that will allow signs which display noncommercial or political speech regardless of size.

Section 28-247 is being amended to add language to clarify that an appeal may be made of a decision of the director of development services or of an interpretation of an inspector. Also clarified is that, in accordance with standard practice, a written denial of a permit request must be issued if a person makes a written request. Currently, the language does not state that a written denial is required upon request and the code does not specifically say that the Board of Adjustment can hear an appeal in the absence of a written denial.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

COORDINATION

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

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Florencio Peña III
Director, Development Services Department

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Jelynn LeBlanc Burley
Deputy City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:

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Sheryl Sculley
City Manager