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Staff Report

Item # 3C

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Gloria Hobbs, Assistant Planner
Date: May 25, 2011
**Subject: Second Reading of Ordinance 2011-02 : Zone Amendment 2011-01:
Amending Title 9 Section 14 of the Lemoore Municipal Code's Zoning
Ordinance pertaining to Signs**

Discussion:

At the May 17, 2011 City Council meeting a public hearing and discussion was held prior to considering amending Title 9, Chapter 14 of the Lemoore Municipal Code through Ordinance #2011-02. Council waived the 1st reading and passed to 2nd reading the proposed ordinance so long as the second reading included the following revisions.

- 1) Section 9-14-2 definitions added "commercial" to Portable Signs, which allows election and campaign signs to continue to be allowed.
- 2) Sections 9-14-4-2.B, 9-14-4-3.D, 9-14-4-4.G & 9-14-4-5.D regarding Public and Civic Event Signs was modified so that event signs should be removed within (9) days (instead of two (2) days) after the event has ended.
- 3) Sections 9-14-4-4.D and 9-14-4-5.C under Temporary Signs changed "Vertical banner, shall not be higher than 10' and shall be located 15' behind face of curb and outside the City right of way.
- 4) Section 9-14-4-4.I Portable and Sandwich A-frame Signs shall be changed to read "Such sign shall be placed at least 15' behind face of curb and outside City right of way, except in the Downtown Area where they may be located on the sidewalk in front of the business. No portable or sandwich a-frame sign may be placed where they may obscure vision or create other public safety hazards or ADA obstruction. Portable and sandwich a-frame signs shall be removed during all times when the business is closed.

Attached is the ordinance that incorporates the above noted changes in bold highlight from the Ordinance first presented on May 17, 2011.

Budget Impact:

If the proposed ordinance is codified, the cost of codification is approximately \$500. It is possible to pass the ordinance and hold codification until the Zoning Code Update is complete. This action would not prevent the ordinance from becoming law 30 days after passage. There is also the cost of the summary publication which is approximately \$150. This information is provided since the Zoning Code Update is scheduled to be completed late summer and our codifier has provided the City with an estimate of \$14,000 for codification for the new Code in total.

Recommendation:

The Lemoore City Council should pass the second reading of Ordinance #2011-02 amending Section 9 Chapter 14 of the Lemoore Municipal Code, and direct staff not to codify this Ordinance until the Zoning Code Update is complete.