

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda
Item No. IV. B
7/30/2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Ordinance to be introduced and adopted with emergency, declaring a 905-day moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for, processing of, and issuance of planned unit developments and simplified planned unit developments that would allow construction on, or use of, property within 660 feet of Lake Hefner Parkway from a southern boundary of NW Expressway to a northern boundary of Memorial Road in Oklahoma City for freestanding signs with a display surface area over 200 square feet and on the acceptance of new applications for, and issuance of, electrical, building or sign permits for freestanding signs over 200 square feet associated with rezoning applications submitted during the moratorium; providing an appeal process; providing effective and expiration dates; and providing severability.

Councilmember Stonecipher

Background:

On August 16, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 27,135 to declare a temporary 180-day moratorium which is proposed to be extended from August 10, 2024, to 905 days or until such time as Lake Hefner Parkway is designated as a Scenic Corridor in accordance with the new sign ordinance. The ordinance also provides for an appeals process, severability and the declaration of an emergency to make the Ordinance immediately effective.

Said Ordinance was requested to declare a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications for, processing of, and approval of a re-zoning including a Planned Unit Development, Simplified Planned Unit Development, or issuance of any electrical permit, sign permit or building permit, that would allow construction of or use of property within 660 feet of the Lake Hefner Parkway from a southern boundary of Northwest Expressway to a northern boundary of Memorial Road for a freestanding sign over 200 square feet.

On February 13, 2024, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 27,526, which established the new sign code and revised sign regulations.

This moratorium, relating to Lake Hefner Parkway is part of a settlement agreement in *Lamar Central Outdoor, LLC and Lamar TLC Properties, LLC v. State of Oklahoma ex. rel. Department of Transportation, City of Oklahoma City and Hearts for Hearing Foundation*, Case No. 20-CV-1194-SLP, in which the City agreed to enact a moratorium on free standing signs until such time as Lake Hefner Parkway is designated as a Scenic Corridor in the new sign ordinance.

Review:

Municipal Counselor's Office

Recommendation: Ordinance be introduced and adopted with emergency.