



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 9, 2023

**ITEM TITLE:** Public Hearing for An Ordinance Amending Article 17 "Signs" of the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In February of 2023, Chapter 17 of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Independence was modified to repeal all provisions that allowed for the construction or erection of "Billboards" and/or "Ground Signs", as then defined by the Zoning Ordinance.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the current Chapter 17 – minus the portion repealed in February of 2023 and has made recommended changes to that Chapter. To facilitate the approval of the Ordinance to implement these modifications, a Public Hearing must first be held.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community and Developing and Reviving Independence. This item helps achieve that vision by responding to citizen concerns about billboards in town and modifying regulations to deny the construction of billboards moving forward. This helps to Develop and Revive beautifying Independence by disallowing obstructions like billboards to be constructed within the city limits.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Mayor hold a public hearing by stating "Pursuant to the agenda, I will now convene a public hearing for an Ordinance Amending Article 17 "Signs" of the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance." After comments are heard, the Mayor must state "I will now close the public hearing and the City Clerk shall note all comments in the record."