



**City of Independence
City Council
MEMORANDUM**

TO: City Council
FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager
DATE OF MEETING: September 25, 2023
SUBJECT: Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing (Signage Ordinance Amendments)

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The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the current Chapter 17 – minus the portion repealed in February of 2023 and has made recommended changes to that Chapter.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

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 a motion to approve a Resolution setting a Public Hearing on October 9, 2023, at 5:00 pm regarding Signage Ordinance Amendments and authorizes the Mayor to sign the resolution and for the City Clerk to send the public hearing notice to the two official newspapers.