



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Planning
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Subject

Hold a Public Hearing, consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2023-03 regarding an Amendment to the City of Wylie Zoning Ordinance, Article 5.1 Land Use Charts and Article 5.2 Listed Uses as they relate to Accessory and Temporary Uses of Donation Boxes (ZC 2022-19).

Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

Discussion

At the November 2022 City Council meeting a work session was held on a potential amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding donation boxes. Staff presented proposed amendments which Council generally agreed on and asked staff to finalize the amendments for adoption. Attached are the proposed amendments, including the addition of allowing one donation box per five acres on large developments.

Donation boxes are usually large metal containers and sometimes trailers that are placed on existing commercial or industrial lots for the collection of unwanted clothes and other small household items. The sites can be both attended or, more likely, unattended. It is generally the unattended locations that are of concern. An unattended donation box can become a public nuisance when donations overflow into the area around the box or include items that are appropriate for donation, such as used mattresses.

Currently, donation box placement is regulated under the temporary use category of the Zoning Ordinance and the Health and Sanitation Chapter of the City ordinance. However, neither donation boxes nor the specific conditions for them are in either ordinance, which can make regulation open to interpretation. The proposed amendments codify the regulations and allow for donation boxes as permanent accessory or temporary uses, give requirements for placement and maintenance, and provide for City enforcement and penalties.

The adoption of the attached Ordinance makes the appropriate amendments; and provides a penalty clause, a repeal clause, a savings clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

P&Z Recommendation

The Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval.