



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

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Subject

Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2025-27 of the City of Wylie, Texas, amending Wylie's Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, Chapter 74 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions), Article I (In General), Section 74-3 (Smoking Prohibited In Certain Public Areas) and Section 74-8(b) (Violations and Penalties), and Article XI (Smoking Regulations); establishing new regulations governing the prohibition of smoking in certain areas; compliance; defining terms; providing a penalty clause, savings/repealing clause, severability clause and an effective date; and providing for the publication of the caption hereof.

Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

Discussion

In October 2024, staff conducted a work session with Council directing amendments to the City Code of Ordinances to prohibit smoking in public areas. At Council's direction City staff has drafted a revised City Ordinance.

The purpose of the smoking ordinance amendments are to protect the public's health by eliminating smoking in public places and the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke-free air by prohibiting smoking in public places in the City, with certain exceptions, to reduce detrimental effects on not only smokers, but also others in close proximity to smokers and to further the health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens.

Specifically, the amended ordinance expands no smoking areas from only City owned and operated places, to all places that are open to the public (Sec 74-183), with limited exceptions (74-184(g)).

Other amendments include:

- Reorganization of regulations for readability.
- Updated smoking definitions (74-182).
- Updated ordinance to account for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding smoke shops and smoking establishments.
- Providing for any property owner to designate their property as no smoking with appropriate civil penalties.
- Allowing for the building official to order a cease of use for certain violations (74-174(h)).