

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 18

MEETING DATE: 2/17/2010

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CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: Placement Of Temporary Snipe/Portable Signs For Home Owner Associations (HOAs), Not-For-Profit Organizations and City-Sponsored Events

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the October 7, 2009 City Commission meeting, a resident had concerns that someone or the city were removing Home Owner Associations (HOAs) signs. The Commission asked that we consider a solution from the city.

In making this request, the Commission considered that HOAs, Notfor-Profit Organizations and City-sponsored events have a need for the placement of signage within the City to inform the residents of the dates, times and locations of their meetings and events.

2. CURRENT ACTIVITY

The City Code of Ordinances **Section 24-144**, prohibits in general the placement of portable or snipe signs on public and private property. It allows for an exemption under **Article XI, Section 24-146** of the City Code of Ordinances, "**Public interest and exempt signs**" (A) The following may be permitted on public or private land by **resolution** of City Commission irrespective of other provisions of this article:

- (3) Signs announcing meeting places of **various civic organizations** at strategic points along the highways.

To accommodate the Commission's request, we propose adopting a Resolution allowing Home Owner Associations, Not for Profit Organizations and City sponsored events to display signs.

To avoid additional complications in the sign placement process we propose that to qualify:

Homeowners Association - the HOA register with the list of Home Owners Associations maintained by the city;

Not for Profit Organization - that the Not for Profit Organization be a valid 501(c)3, with current registration;

City Sponsored Event - that the event be sponsored by and held within the city.

We further recommend the use of the following guidelines for the placement of the temporary signs:

- Signs shall not exceed a maximum of **six (6) square feet** in area in residential districts and **twenty- four (24) square feet** in area in non-

residential districts.

- Signs shall not exceed maximum height above grade of **36 inches** in a residential district and **six (6) feet** in a non-residential district.
- Signs shall not be placed on trees, utility or traffic control structures/equipment.
- Signs shall not be placed in such a way as to obstruct motorists' vision or impede traffic in any way.
- Homeowners Association and Not-for-Profit signs may be **placed a maximum of five (5) days** before and shall be **removed** from public or private property **within two (2) days** after the date of meeting or event.
- Signs for city sponsored events may be placed a maximum of 30 days before and shall be removed from public or private property within 2 days after the date of meeting or event.

We have prepared a resolution for Commission's consideration, should this be the direction that is desired.

3. **ATTACHMENTS**

[Resolution](#)

4. **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There would not be any financial impact on this item.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend Commission direction on the Resolution, allowing for temporary display of signage for Homeowners Associations, Not-for-Profit Organizations and City-sponsored events.

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-036

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TEMPORARY DISPLAY OF SIGNAGE FOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interests of the City to approve the temporary display of signage for Homeowners Associations.

WHEREAS, the notifications may not be displayed more than five (5) days prior to the meeting and shall be removed the day following the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, hereby approves the temporary display of signage for Homeowners Associations registered with the City.

SECTION 3. The signage for Homeowners Associations shall not be displayed more than five (5) calendar days prior to the Homeowners Association meeting and shall be removed no later than 5 p.m. on the day subsequent to the meeting date.

SECTION 4. The appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents to comply with this Resolution.

SECTION 5. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

