



City Council Meeting - Final

November 04, 2024
7:00 PM

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- A. **RES2024-012** Authorization for the approval of Resolution 2024-012 for the continuation of a moratorium for sixty (60) consecutive days beginning on November 11, 2024 for the accepting or processing applications seeking the issuance of a sign permit for free standing signs and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign and execute all related documents.



City of Smyrna

Issue Sheet

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File Number: RES2024-014

Agenda Date: 11/4/2024

In Control: City Council

File Type: Resolution

Agenda Section:

Formal Business

Department: Community Development

Agenda Title:

Authorization for the approval of Resolution 2024-012 for the continuation of a moratorium for sixty (60) consecutive days beginning on September 12, 2024 for the accepting or processing applications seeking the issuance of a sign permit for free standing signs and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign and execute all related documents.

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ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:

A legal challenge was made regarding the legality of certain provisions of the Sign Ordinance for the City of Smyrna, at Chapter 82 of the Smyrna Code of Ordinances; and the City Council concluded that on July 15, 2024, it is was necessary and desirable to adopt a moratorium for sixty (60) days on accepting or processing applications seeking the issuance of a sign permit for free standing signs while a legal review of the Sign Ordinance is conducted, and Resolution 2024-09 was adopted by the Mayor and City Council. Legal review has not concluded, therefore, it is necessary to extend the Moratorium an additional 60 days with Resolution 2024-012 to begin November 11, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2024-012 for the continuation of a moratorium for sixty (60) consecutive days beginning on November 11, 2024 for the accepting or processing applications seeking the issuance of a sign permit for free standing signs and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign and execute all related documents.

RESOLUTION 2024-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA (“CITY”) ADOPTING AN ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE MORATORIUM FOR 60 DAYS ON ACCEPTING OR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS SEEKING THE ISSUANCE OF A SIGN PERMIT FOR FREE STANDING SIGNS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a legal challenge was made regarding the legality of certain provisions of the Sign Ordinance for the City of Smyrna, at Chapter 82 of the Smyrna Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2024, the City Council concluded that it was necessary and desirable to adopt a moratorium for sixty (60) days on accepting or processing applications seeking the issuance of a sign permit for free standing signs while a legal review of the Sign Ordinance is conducted, and Resolution 2024-09 was adopted by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2024, the City Council concluded that it was necessary and desirable to adopt a continuation of a moratorium for sixty (60) days beginning September 12, 2024, while a legal review of the Sign Ordinance is conducted, and Resolution 2024-011 was adopted by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the legal review remains ongoing with outside legal counsel.

THEREFORE, IT IS NOW RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. An extension of the moratorium is hereby issued prohibiting the City from accepting or processing applications seeking the issuance of a sign permit for free standing signs. The moratorium will extend for an additional consecutive sixty (60) days beginning November 11, 2024, during which time the city will continue conducting the legal review of the City’s Sign Ordinance.
2. This resolution imposes a temporary moratorium and not a final legislative action.

This Resolution was adopted by the Governing Authority of the City of Smyrna, Georgia on the 4th day of November, 2024.

Derek Norton, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Heather K. Peacon-Corn, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Scott Cochran, City Attorney

CITY SEAL:

