

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: January 18, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: January 31, 2023

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Philip F. Etiwe, (915) 212-1553
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: City-wide

STRATEGIC GOAL: #3 Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBGOAL: 3.2 Set one standard for infrastructure across the city

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending Title 15, (Public Services), Chapter 15.08 (Street Rentals), Section 15.08.160 (Mobile Billboards) of the El Paso City Code to extend the current permitting pilot program by one year. The penalty is as provided for in Section 15.08.160 of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Mobile billboards on city streets are currently regulated through issued special privilege permits via a pilot program that are set to expire February 15, 2023. This item will provide for a 1-year extension for this pilot program, the new expiration date will be February 15, 2024.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A —

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Planning & Inspections, Planning Division

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Philip Etiwe

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 (PUBLIC SERVICES), CHAPTER 15.08 (STREET RENTALS), SECTION 15.08.160 (MOBILE BILLBOARDS), TO EXTEND THE CURRENT PERMITTING PROGRAM BY ONE YEAR. THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15.08.160 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the public right of way is primary for the passage of persons and goods; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority to allow for the use of a street for a private purpose provided that use does not interfere with the public use of the street and does not create a dangerous condition on the street; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the best interest of the public to regulate mobile billboards on city streets in order to ensure that the public use of the street is maintained and no dangerous conditions on the street are created; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 15 (Public Services), Chapter 15.08 (Street Rentals), Section 15.08.160 (Mobile Billboards), Subsection C, of the El Paso City Code is amended to read as follows:

C. Permit. An Applicant who wants to operate a Mobile Billboard on the Public Right-of-Way shall apply for a Permit on an application form as required by the Director. The Director shall issue no more than three Permits to three Applicants that comply with requirements of this Section and any regulations adopted by the Director pursuant to this Section. The Director shall not issue a Permit to an Applicant that does not comply with the requirements of this section or any regulations adopted by the Director pursuant to this section. An Applicant is not eligible to apply for a permit for one year following a revocation of a permit under this Section. Unless terminated earlier as provided under this section, all permits issued under this section expire February 15, 2024. No Permit shall be issued to an Applicant owing ad valorem taxes to the City or who has defaulted on an agreement with the City within five years preceding the application for a Permit under this Section. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, a Permit may only be issued to an Applicant who owns the Mobile Billboard for which the permit is requested. All application forms and documents under this section must be executed by the owner of the Mobile Billboard. Nothing in the section prohibits City Council from amending this Section to change the expiration date of all Permits.

(Signatures on Following Page)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Russell Abeln

Russell T. Abeln
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Philip Etiwe

Philip Etiwe, Director
Planning & Inspections Department

REDLINES

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