



TOWN OF HORIZON CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2026
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Art Rubio, Planning Director
SUBJECT: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, Chapter 14 (Zoning), Exhibit A (Zoning Ordinance), to revise and amend the Following: Chapter 10 (Sign Regulations), Section 1016 (Exemptions) to add an exemption for civic use signs on City Right-of-Way; Proper Notice; and Effective Date; the Penalty Being as Provided in Section 810 of the Zoning Ordinance (No. 0102) of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, Creating a Misdemeanor Punishable by a Fine not to Exceed \$2,000.

This is a fast-tracked City initiated amendment being introduced today. The item will be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission on March 16, 2026. The amendment's goals are to Amend Chapter 14 – Zoning Regulations, Chapter 10 Sign Regulations to clarify and consolidate provisions related to civic use signage. Ensure consistency between municipal sign practices and zoning code. Exempt specific civic and municipal signs from standard sign regulations while maintaining safety standards. Chapter 14 – Zoning Amendment:

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- Establishes Civic Use Signs as an exempt category
- Expands exemption to include signage on:
 - City of Horizon property
 - Economic Development Corporation property
 - Other civic use properties
 - City right-of-way

Public Benefit & Rationale:

- Improves efficiency for municipal operations
- Allows timely installation of public safety and wayfinding signs
- Eliminates unnecessary regulatory barriers for civic signage
- Supports economic development, public safety, and navigation
- Maintains visibility standards to protect traffic and pedestrian safety

Ordinance is attached.

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

ORDINANCE NO. 0102, AMENDMENT NO. 038

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS, CHAPTER 14 (ZONING), EXHIBIT A (ZONING ORDINANCE), TO REVISE AND AMEND THE FOLLOWING: CHAPTER 10 (SIGN REGULATIONS) SECTION 1016 (EXEMPTIONS), TO AMEND AND ADD AN EXEMPTION FOR CIVIC USE SIGNS; PROPER NOTICE; AND EFFECTIVE DATE; THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 810 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (NO. 0102) OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS, CREATING A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.

WHEREAS, a proposal was brought forward by staff to and considered by the Town of Horizon City Planning and Zoning Commission to amend portions of Ordinance No. 0102 relating to sign regulations, exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the staff's proposals at its March 16, 2026, regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held by the Town Council as required by law; and

WHEREAS, all written and oral protests (if any) submitted against the proposed ordinance change have been reviewed and considered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 51.001, the town has general authority to adopt an ordinance that is for the good government, peace or order of the Town and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace, and order and that our physical environment has a direct impact on the chances for happy, prosperous lives for the residents of the Town of Horizon City to adopt this Ordinance and technical code; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Local Government Code Section 211.005(b) requires "that zoning regulations be uniform for each class or kind of building in a district", furthermore, "regulations shall be adopted with reasonable consideration, among other things, for the character of each district and its particular suitability for particular uses, with a view of conserving the value of buildings, maximizing the best use of property, and encouraging the most appropriate use of land in the municipality".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS:

I. ENACTMENT OF AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Sections 51.001 and 51.012 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council of the Town of Horizon City hereby enacts and adopts this amendment no. 038 to Ordinance no.0102, which regulates zoning within the territorial limits of the Town of Horizon City and related matters, to amend Chapter 10 Sign Regulations, Section 1016 Exemptions as follows:

Chapter 10 Sign Regulations:

Section 1016 Exemptions:

To revise Sub Section (10) from:

~~(10) Traffic or other municipal signs, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger and such emergency, temporary or non-advertising signs as may be approved by the city council or its designated representative.~~

And to add Civic Use Sign Exemption as follows:

(10) Civic use signs to include but not limited to: Traffic or other municipal signs, way finding, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger and such emergencies, temporary or other public use signs on City of Horizon, Economic Development Corporation and other civic use property or city right-of-way adhering to all visibility requirements shall be exempt from all city regulations.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

That this ordinance was duly enacted with all requisites and formalities incident thereto the enactment of ordinance, and such is evidenced by the signatures below; and further that the foregoing recitals are incorporated into this ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

III. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the effect of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

IV. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

V. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52, Texas Local Government Code and the Charter of the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2026, by a vote of ____ (ayes) to ____ (nays) to ____ (abstentions) of the City Council of Horizon City, Texas.

Town of Horizon City

By: _____
Andres Renteria, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Sylvia Borunda Firth
City Attorney

Arturo Rubio
Planning Director

First Reading January 13, 2026
Second Reading February 10, 2026