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South Salt Lake City Council AMENDED Regular Meeting Agenda

Public notice is hereby given that the South Salt Lake City Council will hold a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**, in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 200, commencing at **7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

To watch the meeting live click the link below to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/93438486912>

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Nick Mitchell, District 4
Sharla Bynum, District 3
South Salt Lake PD

Opening Ceremonies

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Nick Mitchell, District 4
Ray deWolfe, At-Large

Approval of Minutes

September 23rd, Work Meeting
September 23rd, Regular Meeting

No Action Comments

1. Scheduling
2. Public Comments/Questions
 - a. Response to Comments/Questions
(at the discretion of the conducting Council Member)
3. Mayor Comments
4. City Attorney Comments
5. City Council Comments

City Recorder

Action Items

New Business

1. An Ordinance Amending Sections 17.08.070, 17.08.100, and 17.08.240 of the South Salt Lake Municipal Code to Align Local Sign Regulations with Utah State Law and Establish Designated Drop-Off, Retrieval, and Appeal Procedures for Political Signs

Josh Collins

Motion for Closed Meeting

Adjourn

Posted October 27, 2026

Those needing auxiliary communicative aids or other services for this meeting should contact Ariel Andrus at 801-483-6019, giving at least 24 hours' notice.

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In accordance with State Statute and Council Policy, one or more Council Members may be connected electronically.

Public Comments/Question Policy

The public is invited to address the Council and/or Mayor concerning City business. Speakers must come to the podium and state their name and city of residence. ***Comments are limited 3 minutes, or less, at the discretion of the conducting Council Member, who will inform you when your time has expired.*** All remarks must be pertinent to City business, free of personal attacks and argumentative questions, and align with the City-adopted Dignity Index. The conducting Council Member determines whether a response will be given. The Council may choose to respond at a future regularly scheduled meeting. City employee grievances must be processed according to adopted personnel rules.

Have a question or concern? Call the connect line 801-464-6757 or email connect@sslc.gov

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 17.08.070, 17.08.100, AND 17.08.240 OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALIGN LOCAL SIGN REGULATIONS WITH UTAH STATE LAW AND ESTABLISH DESIGNATED DROP-OFF, RETRIEVAL, AND APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR POLITICAL SIGNS.

WHEREAS, the South Salt Lake City Council (the “Council”) is authorized to enact, repeal and adopt ordinances governing the City of South Salt Lake (the “City”); and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of South Salt Lake as follows:

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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Glad	_____
Thomas	_____
Bynum	_____
Mitchell	_____
Jones	_____
Williams	_____
deWolfe	_____

Transmitted to the Mayor's office on this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

MAYOR'S ACTION: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Cherie Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 - 6. Flags. The flags, emblems or insignias of any nation or political subdivision subject to the restrictions as found herein, those of this Chapter and as allowed by special exception. Flags shall be restricted in size, except when allowed as a special exception, to a maximum of seventy-two (72) square feet in size.
 - 7. Symbols or Insignias. Religious symbols, commemorative plaques of recognized historical agencies or identification emblems of religious orders or historical agencies, provided that no such symbol, plaque or identification emblem may exceed foursquare feet in area, and provided further that all such symbols, plaques and identification emblems shall be placed flat against a Building or on low profile Signs.
 - 8. Interior Signs. Signs located within the interior of any Building or stadium, or within an enclosed lobby or court of any Building, and Signs for and located within the inner or outer lobby, court or entrance of any theater.

9. Temporary Event Signs. Temporary Signs not exceeding sixty-four (64) square feet in area pertaining to drives or events of civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organizations, provided that said Signs are posted only during said drive and are removed within fifteen (15) days after said event.
10. House Numbers and Name Plates. A Building or house numbers Sign shall be limited to one per Street address. A Building numbers Sign shall not be greater in size than two percent of the Building ~~Faade~~ Façade on which located.
11. Political and Campaign Signs. Political or campaign Signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on election ballots are allowed, provided that: ~~the~~
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 - b. Park Strip Placement. The City shall not prohibit a property owner or lawful occupant of property adjacent to a Park Strip (or a person who has obtained consent from such owner or occupant) from posting a political sign on the park strip;
 - c. Prohibited Attachments. Political signs shall not be attached or affixed to a utility pole, light pole, electric utility box, traffic control device, Street Sign, or any railroad sign or signal; and
 - d. Removal Timeframe. Political signs posted or displayed on a roadway or adjacent right-of-way shall be removed no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the election to which the sign relates.
12. Holiday Decorations. Signs of a decorative nature, clearly incidental and customary and commonly associated with any national, local or religious holidays are permitted. Such Signs may be of any type, number, area or illumination and shall be placed so as to avoid confusion with authorized traffic lights and signals and shall conform to traffic safety standards.
13. Building Plaque Sign. A Building plaque Sign shall be limited to one per address and shall not exceed four square feet in area.
14. Building Security Sign. A Building security Sign whose Sign face is limited to no more than one square foot in area. Building security Signs shall be limited to no more than four Signs per Lot.
15. Gas pump Signs, provided the Sign is an integral part of the pump.
16. Public Event Signs and Banners. A public event Sign or banner authorized by the City for a specific event.
17. Routine Maintenance of Sign. Routine Sign maintenance or changing of lettering or parts of Signs designed to be regularly changed.
18. Warning Signs. Private warning Signs shall be no more than six square feet in area and shall be limited to one such Sign per Parcel unless a special exception is obtained from the Community Development Department.
19. Incidental Signs.
20. Signs specifically authorized by a Development Agreement executed as a condition precedent to a rezone.

EXHIBIT B:

17.08.100 Signs on or Over Public Property.

- A. Insurance Required. Except for political signs permitted under Section 17.08.070(E)(11), n~~No~~ Sign on or over public property shall be erected, re-erected, located or relocated or enlarged or modified structurally or changed in ownership without first receiving the approval of the Community Development Department and submitting a certificate of insurance as specified by the Community Development Department.
1. The City must be named as an insured party.
 2. A thirty-day written notice to the City of South Salt Lake of cancellation or expiration must be included in the insurance certificate.
 3. The name of the Owner of the projecting Sign must be clearly identified on the permit as an official corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship with appropriate names of individuals involved.
- B. Permission Required. No Sign shall be located on or over publicly owned land or inside Street Rights-of-Way, except:
1. Signs erected by permission of an authorized public agency and meeting the requirements of this Chapter;
or
 2. Political Signs on Park Strips. Political signs posted on a park strip in accordance with Section 17.08.070(E)(11) and Utah Code § 20A-17-103(2) as amended or any successor provision.
- C. Safety Hazards. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the City from regulating or removing any political sign posted on public property or a Park Strip to prevent a traffic, pedestrian, or line-of-sight hazard, pursuant to Utah Code § 20A-17-103(3) as amended, or any successor provision.

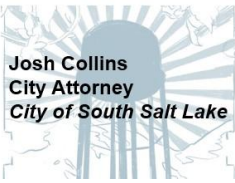
EXHIBIT C:

17.08.240 Enforcement.

- A. The Community Development Department shall be vested with the duty of enforcing these Sign regulations. In the performance of that duty, the Community Development Department shall be authorized and directed to perform the following:
1. To issue permits to construct, alter or repair Signs which conform to the provisions of this Chapter.
 2. To ascertain that all Signs, construction, and all reconstructions or modifications of existing Signs are built or constructed or modified in conformance with the provisions of these Sign regulations and all other regulations incorporated herein by reference.
 3. To make inspections. The Community Development Department may make inspections at any stage of the construction process as deemed appropriate by the Community Development Department, including prior to footings being poured on a Detached Sign and upon the completion of construction, erection, re-erection or remodeling of any Sign for which a permit has been issued. The permit holder shall be responsible to schedule inspections with the Community Development Department. The Community Development Department may conduct an inspection of Signs at any time. If the Community Development Department finds any Sign which is in need of repair or violates any provision of this Chapter, the Community Development Department may take the necessary legal action, as specified in this Title, to bring the Sign into compliance.
 4. To issue citations and/or file complaints against violators of these Sign regulations.
 5. To perform abatement activities in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
 6. To remove Signs on public property or within Rights-of-Way.
- B. The Community Development Department may take any appropriate action or institute any proceeding in any case where any Sign is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted or maintained, or in any case where any Sign is used in violation of these Sign regulations or any other City ordinance.
- C. Notice of Violation. Except for Signs on public property or within Rights-of-Way and snipe Signs, notice of violation shall be given by written notice of violation sent by registered mail or delivered in person to the Owner of the property where the Sign is located or to the person having charge or control or receiving the benefit of any Sign found by the Community Development Department to be unsafe or dangerous or in violation of these Sign regulations or of any other City ordinance.
- D. Non-Maintained or Abandoned Signs. The Community Development Department may require each Non-Maintained or Abandoned Sign to be removed from the Building or premises when such Sign has not been repaired or put into use within thirty (30) calendar days after notice of non-maintenance or Abandonment is given. If such Signs are not removed within thirty (30) working days after the Community Development Department gives notice, the Community Development Department may abate and remove the Sign, and the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of any such Sign shall pay to the City the costs incurred the same as established for an unsafe Sign.
- E. Unsafe or Dangerous Signs. A property Owner or occupant may not maintain or allow any Sign which is dangerous or defective on any premises he/she owns, occupies or controls.

If an unsafe or dangerous Sign is not repaired or made safe within five working days after the Community Development Department gives notice pursuant to this Chapter, the Community Development Department may abate and remove the Sign, and the person having charge, control or benefit of any such Sign shall pay to the City the costs incurred in such removal, including an administrative fee, as established in the Consolidated Fee Schedule of the City, and any legal expenses within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice is mailed to such person.

- F. **Illegal Signs.** If an illegal Sign is not brought into compliance with the provisions of these Sign regulations within thirty (30) working days after the Community Development Department gives notice, the Community Development Department may abate and remove the Sign, and the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of any such Sign shall pay to the City the costs incurred the same as established for an unsafe Sign.
- G. **Confiscation of Signs.** The Community Development Department may immediately confiscate any Sign located on public property, sidewalks or within rights-of-way in violation of these Sign regulations or any other City ordinances. Except for Political Signs posted on Park Strips in accordance with Section 17.08.070(E)(11) and Utah Code § 20A-17-103(2), as amended, or any successor provision, aSign located on a sidewalk or in a public Right-of-Way is a nuisance per se and may be removed at any time without prior notice to the Owner.
1. Except as provided in Subsection H for political signs removed under state law, cConfiscated Signs shall be stored at a location determined by the Community Development Department for a period of fourteen (14) days, during which time the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of the confiscated Sign may redeem the Sign after payment of civil penalties as established in the Consolidated Fee Schedule of the City.
 2. The City shall be held harmless for any damages incurred to Signs as a result of their confiscation.
 3. In addition to civil penalties, Sign Owners and responsible persons shall be liable for any damages caused to public property, public facilities or public utilities by reason of the placement, attachment and/or removal of such unlawful Signs.
 4. Except for political signs governed by Subsection H, sSigns not redeemed within fourteen (14) days shall be deemed to be the property of the City and may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the City.
- H. Safeguarding and Disposing of Political Signs. The removal, storage, notification, disposal, and reimbursement procedures for political signs removed under City authority or state law shall be governed by Utah Code Title 20A, Chapter 17, as amended, or any successor provision, and the following requirements:
1. Designated Location. Removed political signs shall be deposited for storage at the South Salt Lake Public Works Facility.
 2. Notice of Disposal. City staff shall make reasonable efforts to notify the sign owner by telephone prior to disposal, allowing five (5) business days after notice for the owner to retrieve the sign.
 3. Reimbursement fees. Storage or disposal reimbursement fees may only be charged if the City has, on three (3) or more previous occasions during the same election cycle, received a political sign belonging to the same owner where the owner failed to retrieve the sign after notice or could not be contacted. In those cases, the reimbursement fee is \$20 per incident, regardless of the number of signs deposited during that incident.
 4. Appeals. Any sign owner seeking to challenge the validity of a reimbursement fee shall file a written notice of appeal within ten (10) calendar days of the date the reimbursement notice is received. The sign owner shall be provided an opportunity to establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that reimbursement is not required before the Administrative Law Judge in accordance with Chapter 2.22 of this code and Utah Code § 20A-17-104(6)(b), as amended, or any successor provision.



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STAFF REPORT – AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.08 POLITICAL SIGN AMENDMENTS

October 28, 2026, Council Meeting

City Council Members,

During the 2026 General Legislative Session, the Utah State Legislature passed HB 33, which was titled Political Signs Amendments. HB 33 (the “Bill” or the “Act”) was aimed at updating the regulations on political signs in ways such as the size of the sign, where the sign can or cannot be posted, expanding existing criminal penalties for certain violations, among other things. The focus of this ordinance is to update the City sign code to ensure it remains consistent with state law. Relevant to the ordinance presented for your consideration (and attached to this staff report) the Bill requires updates to City Code in two significant ways:

- 1) Allows political signs to be placed in Park Strips when certain conditions are met; and
- 2) Requires the City to designate a specified location for an individual to retrieve any political signs that were confiscated due to violations of state or city code.

Other relevant changes to the Sign Code are discussed below but mostly fit within those two categories of changes. Additionally, there are some items of technical clean up to ensure spelling, grammatical, and numbering consistency in the code.

Political Signs in Park Strips.

South Salt Lake City Municipal Code 17.08.070

Section 17.08.070 of the South Salt Lake Municipal Code governs signs generally and where those signs can be placed, how signs can be displayed, and the timeframe in which signs must be removed. Subsection 11 discusses Political and Campaign Signs. Language in this section was updated to reflect updates to state law enacted in the Bill.

The current version of 17.08.070 prohibits political signs from being placed “on utility poles, Street Signs, or in public Rights-of-Way.” Section 17.01.010 of City Code defines a Right-of-Way as “a strip of land . . . that is intended to be occupied by a Street, trail, sidewalk, Park Strip, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission lines, oil or gas pipeline, water line, sanitary storm sewer, or other similar uses.” Additionally, it defines Park Strip as “the Landscaped Area within a public Right-of-Way located between the back of the Street curb and the sidewalk, or, in the absence of a sidewalk, located between the back of the Street curb and the Property Line.” HB 33 adds a definition of Park Strip to state code, stating that it “means the area of land located between a roadway and an adjacent sidewalk.” While the two definitions of Park Strip use different language the definitions are not inconsistent and appear to intend the same area of a Right-of-Way. City Code, as currently drafted, prohibits anyone from placing a political sign in a park strip. As outlined below that restriction is now in conflict with State Code.

The Bill added language to Chapter 20A-17 of State Code enjoining a City from prohibiting a person from posting a political sign on a park strip when certain conditions are met. Under the Bill, a person may now lawfully post a political sign in a Park Strip if the person:

- 1) Is the owner or lawful occupant of property that is adjacent to the park strip and is required by law or agreement to maintain the Park Strip; or
- 2) Obtains consent to post the political sign from person described above.

Adoption of the proposed Ordinance will bring City Code into compliance with these narrow exceptions added by the Bill and allow some political signs in Park Strips.

South Salt Lake City Municipal Code 17.08.100

Section 17.08.100 of the South Salt Lake Municipal Code explicitly prohibits political signs from being placed on public property or a Right-of-Way. Similar to the previous code section discussed above the language in this section must be updated to reflect updates to state law enacted in the Bill. An exception allowed by State Code and reflected in the proposed Ordinance allows the City to remove political signs even from Rights-of-Way when those political signs constitute a “traffic, pedestrian, or line-of-sight hazard.” Apart from that language the reasons for amending 17.08.100 are the same as outlined for Section 17.08.070.

Designated Location for Removed Political Signs.

South Salt Lake City Municipal Code 17.08.240

HB 33 requires the City to “designate one or more locations within the county or municipality where an individual who removes a political sign . . . may deposit the political sign for safekeeping or disposal.” Additionally, it requires the City to “safeguard” that sign and make attempts to notify the owner that the sign was removed and relocated to a specific location. Per the Bill, the City can dispose of the political sign if the owner doesn’t respond or the City, following the steps outlined in the Bill, is unable to contact the owner. The City can also enact fees to recover the costs incurred in enforcing the Bill.

The proposed changes to Section 17.08.240 of the South Salt Lake Municipal Code adds language designating Public Works as the location where removed political signs will be stored and safeguarded. Consistent with the Bill, the amendments to Section 17.08.240 detail the fees that will be charged and outlines the process for an appeal of that action.

Lastly, consistent with the previous two Sections being amended, language is proposed to be added to 17.08.240 to clarify that the City cannot remove political signs posted in Park Strips if those signs are posted consistent with the law.

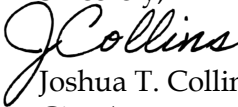
Process for Approval.

South Salt Lake Municipal Code 17.11.010 states that the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council for amendments to land use ordinances. In the Municipal Land Use, Development, and Management Act codified at Utah Code 10-20-101 et seq.,

(LUDMA) the term land use ordinance is not defined, rather that term is included in the definition of a land use regulation. LUDMA defines “Land use regulation,” as a “legislative decision enacted by ordinance, law, code, map, resolution, engineering or development standard, specification for public improvement, fee, or rule that governs the use or development of land.” Because the proposed changes constitute a land use regulation/land use ordinance, the City’s Planning Commission must hold a Public Hearing on the amendments. Once that Public Hearing is held the Planning Commission must make a recommendation to the City Council who will ultimately have the discretion to approve the ordinance or not. As a result, the proposed changes to the Sections of Title 17 outlined in this staff report must be considered at a Public Hearing conducted by the Planning Commission. Subsequent to that Public Hearing, the proposed Ordinance will be forwarded to the Council with a recommendation to either approve or deny the changes. The Council can then consider and vote on the proposed Ordinance.

Conclusion.

City Staff is proposing the changes to Title 17 in order to comply with HB 33 passed by the Utah State Legislature during its 2026 general session. All changes to City Code, as outlined above, bring City Code into compliance with HB 33 and will allow the City and political candidates greater clarity on the rules relating to the posting of political signs in the City of South Salt Lake. As a result, Staff recommends the Council approve these proposed changes, once the Ordinance has been presented to the public at a Public Hearing held by the Planning Commission and returned to the Council for its consideration. Staff is happy to discuss these proposed changes in as much detail as required or desired by the Council. Below, you will find the proposed ordinance with a redline of amendments to the code. Following the redline versions, clean copies of the proposed code changes are attached to show what the code will look like if passed by the Council.

Sincerely,

Joshua T. Collins
City Attorney
City of South Salt Lake

Draft of Ordinance and Redline of Code Changes

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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Glad	_____
Thomas	_____
Bynum	_____
Mitchell	_____
Jones	_____
Williams	_____
deWolfe	_____

Transmitted to the Mayor's office on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

MAYOR'S ACTION: _____

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ATTEST:

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 - 3. Public Notices. Official notices posted by public officers or employees in the performance of their duties.
 - 4. Governmental Signs. Governmental Signs for control of traffic and other regulatory purposes, Street Signs, danger Signs, railroad crossing Signs, and Signs of public service companies indicating danger and aids to service or safety.
 - 5. Real Estate Signs. Real estate Signs that are temporary in nature and have no visible connection to a Sign, light pole, tree or other items and are not placed on roofs. Such Signs shall not be allowed on road pavement, sidewalk, gutter areas or Park Strips.
 - 6. Flags. The flags, emblems or insignias of any nation or political subdivision subject to the restrictions as found herein, those of this Chapter and as allowed by special exception. Flags shall be restricted in size, except when allowed as a special exception, to a maximum of seventy-two (72) square feet in size.
 - 7. Symbols or Insignias. Religious symbols, commemorative plaques of recognized historical agencies or identification emblems of religious orders or historical agencies, provided that no such symbol, plaque or identification emblem may exceed foursquare feet in area, and provided further that all such symbols, plaques and identification emblems shall be placed flat against a Building or on low profile Signs.
 - 8. Interior Signs. Signs located within the interior of any Building or stadium, or within an enclosed lobby or court of any Building, and Signs for and located within the inner or outer lobby, court or entrance of any theater.

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10. House Numbers and Name Plates. A Building or house numbers Sign shall be limited to one per Street address. A Building numbers Sign shall not be greater in size than two percent of the Building ~~Faade~~ Façade on which located.
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 - a. Political Signs shall not be erected in such a manner as to constitute a Roof Sign, and shall not be are not located on property or placed in a manner way that creates constitutes a safety or visibility problem and are not erected on utility poles, Street Signs or in public Rights of Way traffic, pedestrian, or line-of-sight safety hazard;
 - b. Park Strip Placement. The City shall not prohibit a property owner or lawful occupant of property adjacent to a Park Strip (or a person who has obtained consent from such owner or occupant) from posting a political sign on the park strip;
 - c. Prohibited Attachments. Political signs shall not be attached or affixed to a utility pole, light pole, electric utility box, traffic control device, Street Sign, or any railroad sign or signal; and
 - d. Removal Timeframe. Political signs posted or displayed on a roadway or adjacent right-of-way shall be removed no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the election to which the sign relates.
12. Holiday Decorations. Signs of a decorative nature, clearly incidental and customary and commonly associated with any national, local or religious holidays are permitted. Such Signs may be of any type, number, area or illumination and shall be placed so as to avoid confusion with authorized traffic lights and signals and shall conform to traffic safety standards.
13. Building Plaque Sign. A Building plaque Sign shall be limited to one per address and shall not exceed four square feet in area.
14. Building Security Sign. A Building security Sign whose Sign face is limited to no more than one square foot in area. Building security Signs shall be limited to no more than four Signs per Lot.
15. Gas pump Signs, provided the Sign is an integral part of the pump.
16. Public Event Signs and Banners. A public event Sign or banner authorized by the City for a specific event.
17. Routine Maintenance of Sign. Routine Sign maintenance or changing of lettering or parts of Signs designed to be regularly changed.
18. Warning Signs. Private warning Signs shall be no more than six square feet in area and shall be limited to one such Sign per Parcel unless a special exception is obtained from the Community Development Department.
19. Incidental Signs.
20. Signs specifically authorized by a Development Agreement executed as a condition precedent to a rezone.

EXHIBIT B:

17.08.100 Signs on or Over Public Property.

- A. Insurance Required. Except for political signs permitted under Section 17.08.070(E)(11), no Sign on or over public property shall be erected, re-erected, located or relocated or enlarged or modified structurally or changed in ownership without first receiving the approval of the Community Development Department and submitting a certificate of insurance as specified by the Community Development Department.
1. The City must be named as an insured party.
 2. A thirty-day written notice to the City of South Salt Lake of cancellation or expiration must be included in the insurance certificate.
 3. The name of the Owner of the projecting Sign must be clearly identified on the permit as an official corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship with appropriate names of individuals involved.
- B. Permission Required. No Sign shall be located on or over publicly owned land or inside Street Rights-of-Way, except:
1. Signs erected by permission of an authorized public agency and meeting the requirements of this Chapter;
or
 2. Political Signs on Park Strips. Political signs posted on a park strip in accordance with Section 17.08.070(E)(11) and Utah Code § 20A-17-103(2) as amended or any successor provision.
- C. Safety Hazards. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the City from regulating or removing any political sign posted on public property or a Park Strip to prevent a traffic, pedestrian, or line-of-sight hazard, pursuant to Utah Code § 20A-17-103(3) as amended, or any successor provision.

EXHIBIT C:

17.08.240 Enforcement.

- A. The Community Development Department shall be vested with the duty of enforcing these Sign regulations. In the performance of that duty, the Community Development Department shall be authorized and directed to perform the following:
1. To issue permits to construct, alter or repair Signs which conform to the provisions of this Chapter.
 2. To ascertain that all Signs, construction, and all reconstructions or modifications of existing Signs are built or constructed or modified in conformance with the provisions of these Sign regulations and all other regulations incorporated herein by reference.
 3. To make inspections. The Community Development Department may make inspections at any stage of the construction process as deemed appropriate by the Community Development Department, including prior to footings being poured on a Detached Sign and upon the completion of construction, erection, re-erection or remodeling of any Sign for which a permit has been issued. The permit holder shall be responsible to schedule inspections with the Community Development Department. The Community Development Department may conduct an inspection of Signs at any time. If the Community Development Department finds any Sign which is in need of repair or violates any provision of this Chapter, the Community Development Department may take the necessary legal action, as specified in this Title, to bring the Sign into compliance.
 4. To issue citations and/or file complaints against violators of these Sign regulations.
 5. To perform abatement activities in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
 6. To remove Signs on public property or within Rights-of-Way.
- B. The Community Development Department may take any appropriate action or institute any proceeding in any case where any Sign is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted or maintained, or in any case where any Sign is used in violation of these Sign regulations or any other City ordinance.
- C. Notice of Violation. Except for Signs on public property or within Rights-of-Way and snipe Signs, notice of violation shall be given by written notice of violation sent by registered mail or delivered in person to the Owner of the property where the Sign is located or to the person having charge or control or receiving the benefit of any Sign found by the Community Development Department to be unsafe or dangerous or in violation of these Sign regulations or of any other City ordinance.
- D. Non-Maintained or Abandoned Signs. The Community Development Department may require each Non-Maintained or Abandoned Sign to be removed from the Building or premises when such Sign has not been repaired or put into use within thirty (30) calendar days after notice of non-maintenance or Abandonment is given. If such Signs are not removed within thirty (30) working days after the Community Development Department gives notice, the Community Development Department may abate and remove the Sign, and the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of any such Sign shall pay to the City the costs incurred the same as established for an unsafe Sign.
- E. Unsafe or Dangerous Signs. A property Owner or occupant may not maintain or allow any Sign which is dangerous or defective on any premises he/she owns, occupies or controls.

If an unsafe or dangerous Sign is not repaired or made safe within five working days after the Community Development Department gives notice pursuant to this Chapter, the Community Development Department may abate and remove the Sign, and the person having charge, control or benefit of any such Sign shall pay to the City the costs incurred in such removal, including an administrative fee, as established in the Consolidated Fee Schedule of the City, and any legal expenses within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice is mailed to such person.

- F. **Illegal Signs.** If an illegal Sign is not brought into compliance with the provisions of these Sign regulations within thirty (30) working days after the Community Development Department gives notice, the Community Development Department may abate and remove the Sign, and the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of any such Sign shall pay to the City the costs incurred the same as established for an unsafe Sign.
- G. **Confiscation of Signs.** The Community Development Department may immediately confiscate any Sign located on public property, sidewalks or within rights-of-way in violation of these Sign regulations or any other City ordinances. Except for Political Signs posted on Park Strips in accordance with Section 17.08.070(E)(11) and Utah Code § 20A-17-103(2), as amended, or any successor provision, aSign located on a sidewalk or in a public Right-of-Way is a nuisance per se and may be removed at any time without prior notice to the Owner.
1. Except as provided in Subsection H for political signs removed under state law, cConfiscated Signs shall be stored at a location determined by the Community Development Department for a period of fourteen (14) days, during which time the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of the confiscated Sign may redeem the Sign after payment of civil penalties as established in the Consolidated Fee Schedule of the City.
 2. The City shall be held harmless for any damages incurred to Signs as a result of their confiscation.
 3. In addition to civil penalties, Sign Owners and responsible persons shall be liable for any damages caused to public property, public facilities or public utilities by reason of the placement, attachment and/or removal of such unlawful Signs.
 4. Except for political signs governed by Subsection H, sSigns not redeemed within fourteen (14) days shall be deemed to be the property of the City and may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the City.
- H. Safeguarding and Disposing of Political Signs. The removal, storage, notification, disposal, and reimbursement procedures for political signs removed under City authority or state law shall be governed by Utah Code Title 20A, Chapter 17, as amended, or any successor provision, and the following requirements:
1. Designated Location. Removed political signs shall be deposited for storage at the South Salt Lake Public Works Facility.
 2. Notice of Disposal. City staff shall make reasonable efforts to notify the sign owner by telephone prior to disposal, allowing five (5) business days after notice for the owner to retrieve the sign.
 3. Reimbursement fees. Storage or disposal reimbursement fees may only be charged if the City has, on three (3) or more previous occasions during the same election cycle, received a political sign belonging to the same owner where the owner failed to retrieve the sign after notice or could not be contacted. In those cases, the reimbursement fee is \$20 per incident, regardless of the number of signs deposited during that incident.
 4. Appeals. Any sign owner seeking to challenge the validity of a reimbursement fee shall file a written notice of appeal within ten (10) calendar days of the date the reimbursement notice is received. The sign owner shall be provided an opportunity to establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that reimbursement is not required before the Administrative Law Judge in accordance with Chapter 2.22 of this code and Utah Code § 20A-17-104(6)(b), as amended, or any successor provision.

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17.08.070 Exempt Signs and Sign-Related Activities.

- A. For Signs or activities listed in this Section, permits are not required, nor is the area of such Signs to be included in any computation of the total allowed Sign Area permitted for a particular Parcel or use. All such Signs must still meet the maintenance, removal and safety standards of this Title as well as the size, location, height and other standards of this Title to the extent possible as determined by the Community Development Department.
- B. Exempt Signs shall not be located on property in a manner that constitutes a safety or visibility problem.
- C. The Signs listed in this Section may be limited or restricted by the Community Development Department as deemed appropriate to meet the intent of this Chapter and the City's General or Master Plans. The Community Development Department may limit the placement, location, size, height, number, lighting and other factors of Signs usage.
- D. Any exempt Sign which becomes a nuisance, as determined by the Community Development Department, may be required by the Community Development Department to be removed, relocated, modified in size or height or other requirements designed to eliminate the nuisance.
- E. The following Signs and Sign-related activities shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter to the extent indicated herein:
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 1. The City must be named as an insured party.

2. A thirty-day written notice to the City of South Salt Lake of cancellation or expiration must be included in the insurance certificate.
 3. The name of the Owner of the projecting Sign must be clearly identified on the permit as an official corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship with appropriate names of individuals involved.
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 2. Political Signs on Park Strips. Political signs posted on a park strip in accordance with Section 17.08.070(E)(11) and Utah Code § 20A-17-103(2) as amended or any successor provision.
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 2. To ascertain that all Signs, construction, and all reconstructions or modifications of existing Signs are built or constructed or modified in conformance with the provisions of these Sign regulations and all other regulations incorporated herein by reference.
 3. To make inspections. The Community Development Department may make inspections at any stage of the construction process as deemed appropriate by the Community Development Department, including prior to footings being poured on a Detached Sign and upon the completion of construction, erection, re-erection or remodeling of any Sign for which a permit has been issued. The permit holder shall be responsible to schedule inspections with the Community Development Department. The Community Development Department may conduct an inspection of Signs at any time. If the Community Development Department finds any Sign which is in need of repair or violates any provision of this Chapter, the Community Development Department may take the necessary legal action, as specified in this Title, to bring the Sign into compliance.
 4. To issue citations and/or file complaints against violators of these Sign regulations.
 5. To perform abatement activities in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
 6. To remove Signs on public property or within Rights-of-Way.
- B. The Community Development Department may take any appropriate action or institute any proceeding in any case where any Sign is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted or maintained, or in any case where any Sign is used in violation of these Sign regulations or any other City ordinance.
- C. Notice of Violation. Except for Signs on public property or within Rights-of-Way and snipe Signs, notice of violation shall be given by written notice of violation sent by registered mail or delivered in person to the Owner of the property where the Sign is located or to the person having charge or control or receiving the benefit of any Sign found by the Community Development Department to be unsafe or dangerous or in violation of these Sign regulations or of any other City ordinance.
- D. Non-Maintained or Abandoned Signs. The Community Development Department may require each Non-Maintained or Abandoned Sign to be removed from the Building or premises when such Sign has not been repaired or put into use within thirty (30) calendar days after notice of non-maintenance or Abandonment is

given. If such Signs are not removed within thirty (30) working days after the Community Development Department gives notice, the Community Development Department may abate and remove the Sign, and the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of any such Sign shall pay to the City the costs incurred the same as established for an unsafe Sign.

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1. Except as provided in Subsection H for political signs removed under state law, confiscated Signs shall be stored at a location determined by the Community Development Department for a period of fourteen (14) days, during which time the Owner or person having charge, control or benefit of the confiscated Sign may redeem the Sign after payment of civil penalties as established in the Consolidated Fee Schedule of the City.
2. The City shall be held harmless for any damages incurred to Signs as a result of their confiscation.
3. In addition to civil penalties, Sign Owners and responsible persons shall be liable for any damages caused to public property, public facilities or public utilities by reason of the placement, attachment and/or removal of such unlawful Signs.
4. Except for political signs governed by Subsection H, signs not redeemed within fourteen (14) days shall be deemed to be the property of the City and may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the City.

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5. Designated Location. Removed political signs shall be deposited for storage at the South Salt Lake Public Works Facility.
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7. Reimbursement fees. Storage or disposal reimbursement fees may only be charged if the City has, on three (3) or more previous occasions during the same election cycle, received a political sign belonging to the same owner where the owner failed to retrieve the sign after notice or could not be contacted. In those cases, the reimbursement fee is \$20 per incident, regardless of the number of signs deposited during that incident.

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