

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING CHAPTER 18 (SIGN CODE), SECTION 18-308, FESTIVAL OR PUBLIC EVENTS BANNERS, TO ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF LIMITED LICENSES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 1. That **ARTICLE III. PERMITS, PLANS, FEES AND INSPECTIONS**, of Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Norman shall be amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 18-308. Festival or Public Event Banners.

Signs announcing specific events or promotions that are of a legitimate public benefit to the community at large may be erected within the public right-of-way when authorized by a "limited license" ~~granted by the City Council~~ approved by the City Manager or designee. The size, number, type, and wording of such signs must be specified in the license, as well as their location and duration of use. Because of their unique location within the public right-of-way, such banners shall not be placed so as to interfere with legitimate traffic and safety concerns.

If such a limited license is denied by the City Manager or his designee on the grounds that the sign to be licensed does not announce an event or promotion that is of legitimate public benefit to the community at large, the applicant for the license shall have the right to appeal to the Council of the City of Norman. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the City Clerk within ten (10) working days after denial of a license by the City Manager or his designee a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal. After receipt of the written statement, the City Clerk shall schedule the appeal for hearing by the City Council on the next available agenda. The applicant shall be notified of the time of the hearing at least seven (7) days prior to such hearing. Proper mailing to the address shown on the application shall be adequate notification. The decision and order of the Council on such appeal shall be final and conclusive.

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§ 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, except that the effective date provision shall not be severable from the operative provisions of the ordinance.

ADOPTED this _____ day of
of _____, 2015.

Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor

NOT ADOPTED this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Hall, City Clerk