



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 09, 2008

Council Session

Item F2

#9182 - Consideration of Amending Chapter 32 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Size of Address Numbers

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

Council Agenda Memo

From: Jim Rowell, Fire Chief
Meeting: September 9, 2008
Subject: Amending City Address Code
Item #'s: F-2
Presenter(s): Jim Rowell, Fire Chief

Background

Currently City Code provides that the street address be placed on buildings and specifies details including size and location. The size is specified as 2 ½ inches or larger and does not differentiate between commercial and residential property. The International Fire Code (IFC), which was also adopted by the City, specifies that commercial property have 4 inch numbers and the difference between the two creates an inconsistency in the codes.

Discussion

Changing this City Code item would make the street address more visible on all property and make both codes size requirements the same. We would propose that the City Code be modified to be consistent with the IFC. It appears that replacing the words “two and one-half inches” in the City Code 32-39 with “four inches” will make the two codes compatible. The fire code does cover new and existing commercial buildings however the City Code does not state the inclusion of existing property therefore we would apply it to all commercial property and all new residential. It would require all existing property would utilize the 4 inch letters when replacing the existing numbers.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the change in the City Code Section 32-39 to require not less than four inch numbers for addresses on all new property and when replacing existing numbers.

Sample Motion

Move to approve ordinance to amend City Code Section 32-39 specifically changing the size requirement of address numbers to not less than four inches.

ORDINANCE NO. 9182

An ordinance to amend Chapter 32 of the Grand Island City Code specifically, to amend Section 32-39 pertaining to the size of address numbers; to repeal Sections 32-39 as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 32-39 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§32-39. Size and Color

For any installation or replacement of address numbers on or after October 1, 2008, The figures of each number shall be not less than ~~two and one-half~~ four inches in height. Each figure shall be plain, legible, and of contrasting color with its background. The numbers shall be maintained in such condition at all times.

Amended by Ordinance No. 9182, effective 10-1-2008

SECTION 2. Section 32-39 as existing prior to this amendment, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are repealed.

SECTION 3. The validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect October 1, 2008.

Enacted: September 9, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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| Approved as to Form | ☐ _____ |
| September 3, 2008 | ☐ City Attorney |