

PLANNING AND ZONING STAFF REPORT June 7, 2022 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING

Chapter 155 Sign Code
City of Port St. Lucie Text Amendment
P22-158

SUMMARY

Applicant's Request:	An update to Chapter 155 Sign Code
Applicant:	City of Port St. Lucie
Applicant Type:	Zoning Text Amendment to the City's Land Development Regulations
Project Planner:	Daniel Robinson, Planner II

Project Description

A City initiated text amendment to Chapter 155, Sign Code, by amending Section 155.03 – Sign Regulation Procedures.

Background and Analysis

Section 155.03(H) of the City's Sign Code currently contains the criteria for creation of a Master Sign Program. One of the criterions is the following, "A design review board shall be established for the proposed program. The design review board shall review all sign applications for consistency with specific provisions of the approved master sign program. The design review board must approve each sign, prior to the submittal of any required city sign applications"

City Staff, including the City Attorney's Office, recommends removal of this provision from the Master Sign Code criteria as it allows private entities to determine compliance with City adopted Master Sign programs rather than the City. Instead, City Staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Department review signs for compliance with a City adopted Master Sign program. This modification to the Master Sign Program regulation enhances the City's autonomy over its own regulations by preventing interference by third parties.

In summary, the proposed updates are as shown by strike through and underline in the attached Exhibit A.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Department finds the proposed text amendment to be consistent with the intent and direction of the City's comprehensive plan and recommends approval.