

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council  
From: Eric Strong, City Manager  
Date: October 21, 2014  
Subject: Political Sign Size

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### **Council Action Requested:**

Approve update to Sign Ordinance as it relates to the size of Political Signs.

### **Background Information:**

The current ordinance that we have which regulates the size of certain political signs is not in compliance with current state law and needs to be updated to accurately reflect what the state law requires. Our current ordinance restricts political signs in a residential neighborhood to eight square feet and in non-residential areas to 32 square feet. State law now requires that we allow a minimum of 36 square feet, regardless of the type of zoning. The updated ordinance will reflect what state law requires.

**Board/Citizen Input:** N/A

**Financial Impact:** N/A

### **Staff Contacts:**

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City Manager  
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**Attachments:** Ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 62 “SIGN CODE” BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, SECTION 62-3 “EXEMPT SIGNS”; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richland Hills is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richland Hills City Council has determined that State law allows for a certain size political sign; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that this ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richland Hills.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS;

**SECTION 1**

Section 62-3 (5) is hereby amended by removing “1. Political signs that are located on developed property zoned R-1L, R-1, R-2, R-3 and R4, shall not exceed eight square feet in effective area per side. 2. Signs erected on property zoned C-1, C-2, I-1 or I-2 shall not exceed 32 square feet in effective area per side” and by adding “Political signs shall not exceed 36 square feet”.

**SECTION 2  
PROVISIONS CUMULATIVE**

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richland Hills, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of the is ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3  
PROVISIONS SEVERABLE**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph

or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 4  
PUBLICATION**

The City Secretary of the City of Richland Hills is hereby directed to publish this ordinance to the extent required by law.

**SECTION 5  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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THE HONORABLE MAYOR BILL AGAN

ATTEST:

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CATHY BOURG, CITY SECRETARY

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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