Staff Summary Report

Tempe

To: Mayor and City Council
Through: City Manager

Agenda Item Number 24
Meeting Date: 07/26/01

SUBJECT: **CITY OF TEMPE #ZOA-2001.06**

PREPARED BY: Hector Tapia, Senior Planner (480-350-8331)

REVIEWED BY: Dave Fackler, Development Services Manager (480-350-8333)

BRIEF: This is the first public hearing for City of Tempe to amend the City of Tempe Ordinance 808, Part 5 Signs to include electrical inspections.

COMMENTS: **PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406)** Hold the first public hearing for **CITY OF TEMPE** (City of Tempe, applicant) to amend Zoning Ordinance 808, Part 5, Signs: Chapter 1, Sections 5-105; Chapter 2, Sections 5-202, 5-208, 5-210, 5-212; and Chapter 7, Section 5-710. These amendments will facilitate electrical inspections. The following approval is requested from the City of Tempe:

> **#ZOA-2001.06 ORDINANCE NO. 808 2001.06** Amend City of Tempe Ordinance 808, Part 5, Signs: Chapter 1 General Regulations, Section 5-105 Sign Illumination; Chapter 2, Specific Sign Regulations, Section 5-202 Address Sign, Section 5-208 Civic Organization Sign, Section 210 Directional Sign, Section 5-212 Flags; Chapter 7 Sign Permits, Fees and Procedures, Section 5-701 Permit and Fees.

Document Name: 20010726devsrh12 Supporting Documents: Yes

SUMMARY: Ordinance 808, Part 5, Signs, does not include electrical inspections as part of sign regulations and sign permit approvals. The City is looking to accommodate inspections of signs that require illumination in their design. Building Safety inspects the electrical feeds to the signs but the sign itself is not inspected. Due to the specialized electrical components that some illuminated signs require, Sign Inspectors are trained for this purpose since high voltage electrical components are involved within this type of signs. City of Phoenix has been doing electrical inspections on illuminated signs for a long time. Their knowledge and training on this field has helped City of Tempe sign staff change inspection procedures when dealing with illuminated signs. This Ordinance 808 text amendment, Part 5, Signs, would allow City Sign Inspectors to start implementing field inspection procedures as it relates to illumination signs. The requested Ordinance 808 text changes are critical to the overall quality of final sign inspections therefore staff recommends approval. On June 26, Planning Commission approved this request on their consent agenda. To date, no public input has been received.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff - Approval
Public - None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. List of Attachments
2. History & Facts / Description

3-6 Comments

A. Ordinance No. 808.2000.06
B. Sign Permit Example

HISTORY & FACTS:

September 2, 1976.	City Council adopted Zoning Ordinance of the City (Ordinance No. 808).
January 15, 1987.	City Council adopted Ordinance No. 808.8622 for the purpose to provide standards for the installation of signs (Section 7 of Ordinance 808).
November 16, 2000.	City Council approved the codification of Zoning Ordinance 808. Signs became Part 5 in the new format (effective December 15, 2000).
June 26, 2001.	Planning Commission approved this text amendment to Zoning Ordinance 808, Signs, Part 5.

DESCRIPTION: **Ordinance 808, Part 5, Signs, Recommended changes**

Section 5-105. Sign Illumination
Add item #4: All illuminated signs shall require a sign permit and shall comply with all provisions of the Tempe Electrical Code.

Section 5-202. Address Sign
Modify item #2: No sign permit is required unless such sign is illuminated.

Section 5-208. Civic Organizations
Modify item #5: No sign permit is required unless such sign is illuminated.

Section 5-210. Directional Sign
Modify item #4: No sign permit is required unless such sign is illuminated.

Section 5-212. Flags
Modify item #7: No sign permits are required unless otherwise noted, or, if a flag pole (flag) is to be illuminated.

Section 5-701. Permit and Fees
Modify item D: Sign permits include electrical work. All electrical work must comply with the Tempe Electrical Code.

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Below is the existing text plus the recommended changes. Text changes are underlined:

Sec. 5-105. Sign illumination

Signs may be illuminated as provided by this ordinance and specified by approved sign criteria, if applicable, in accordance with the following regulations:

1. Externally-illuminated, building-mounted signage may be illuminated by either ground-mounted lights or building-mounted light bars. In either situation, the light source shall be totally screened from view;

2. Externally-illuminated, freestanding signage shall be illuminated by ground-mounted lights, with the light source being totally screened from view; and

3. Flashing or intermittent forms of illumination are prohibited.

4. <u>All illuminated signs shall require a sign permit and shall comply with all provisions of</u> the Tempe Electrical Code<u>.</u>

(Ord. No. 808.8622, 1/15/87)

Sec. 5-202. Address sign

An address sign is a sign consisting of numerals and letters identifying a property address. Requirements are as follows:

1. Letter and numeral height shall not exceed twelve (12) inches; and

2. No sign permit is required unless such sign is illuminated.

(Ord. No. 808.8622, 1/15/87)

Sec. 5-208. Civic organization sign

A civic organization sign is used to identify organizations including, but not limited to, the Kiwanis, Rotary, Jaycees, etc. This sign category does not include churches. Requirements are as follows:

1. Such signs shall only be displayed on a group sign structure;

2. Such group sign structures shall only be located in a service/commercial or industrial district within one-fourth (1/4) mile of the city limits;

3. Such group sign structures shall not exceed six (6) feet in height nor sixty (60) square feet in area;

4. Such group sign structures require approval of the city council; and

5. No sign permit is required unless such sign is illuminated.

(Ord. No. 808.8912, 12/14/89)

Sec. 5-210. Directional sign

A directional sign is one which includes copy offering pertinent directional information for the purpose of assisting in the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Requirements are as follows:

1. Such signs shall not exceed three (3) feet in height nor two (2) square feet in area;

2. Such signs shall not include identification or advertising copy;

3. Such signs are permitted in all zoning districts; and

4. No sign permit is required unless such sign is illuminated.
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Sec. 5-212. Flags

This category of flags includes the state, United States, corporate flags for registered corporations, flags of foreign nations and decorative flags. Requirements are as follows:

1. Flag poles shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height;

2. Any flag flown in conjunction with the United States or State of Arizona flag shall be flown beneath them and shall not exceed them in size;

3. No more than one United States, one State of Arizona, one foreign national flag or one corporate flag shall be flown on any one site or structure;

4. A corporate flag shall only be permitted in the IBD, I-1, I-2 and I-3 zoning districts. The maximum size of any corporate flag shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet with no one dimension to exceed six (6) feet in any direction;

5. A sign permit is required to display any corporate flag;

6. Recorded subdivisions having a valid subdivision advertising sign permit may display festive advertising flags which do not include copy or logos; and

7. No sign permits are required unless otherwise noted, or, if a flag pole (flag) is to be illuminated.

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CHAPTER 7

SIGN PERMITS, FEES AND PROCEDURES

Sec. 5-701. Permits and fees

A. A sign permit shall be required in order to erect, install, relocate, modify or change any sign within the city unless otherwise noted. "Modify", as it is used herein, shall mean any change in or to an existing sign, its face, copy, colors or supporting structures.

B. Failure to conform to the conditions of a sign permit, including any conditions or stipulation attached thereto by the city council or any applicable board, shall render such permit void.

C. Fees for sign permits shall be required and payable in such sums as the city council may, from time to time, establish by resolution.

D. ~~A sign permit does not include electrical work. However, this exemption shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in violation of the provisions of the Tempe City Code or any other laws or ordinances.~~
~~(Ord. No. 808.8622, 1/15/87)~~ Sign permits include electrical work. All electrical work must comply with the Tempe Electrical Code.

REASON(S) FOR APPROVAL:

1. Text changes to Ordinance 808, Part 5, Signs, would allow Sign Inspectors to inspect illuminated signs per the Tempe Electrical Code standards.

2. Sign Inspectors would be able to assure that the high voltage electrical components of illuminated signs are correctly installed based on the electrical feeds approved by Building Safety.

ORDINANCE NO. 808.2001.06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 808 RELATING TO SIGNS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 5-105, 5-202, 5-208, 5-210, 5-212 AND 5-701.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 5-105 of Zoning Ordinance No. 808 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5-105. Sign illumination.

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4. ALL ILLUMINATED SIGNS SHALL REQUIRE A SIGN PERMIT AND SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE TEMPE ELECTRICAL CODE.

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D. ~~A sign permit does not include electrical work. However, this exemption shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in violation of the provisions of the Tempe City Code or any other laws or ordinances~~ SIGN PERMITS INCLUDE ELECTRICAL WORK. ALL ELECTRICAL WORK MUST COMPLY WITH THE TEMPE ELECTRICAL CODE.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, this _____ day of _____, 2001.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

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Sign Permit

City of Tempe
Development Services
Department
P.O. Box 5002
Tempe, Arizona 85280-5002

Tempe

Pursuant to the provisions of Tempe City Code, permission is hereby granted to:

Business Name:	APD POWER CENTER
Property Address:	412 W GEMINI DR
Suite No.:	
Sign Permit #:	SGN01257
Type of Sign:	F/S AND BUILDING MOUNTED SIGNS
Use of Sign:	BUSINESS ID
Sign (size/height):	1' x 22' 3' x 8'
Total Sign Area (sf):	46 sf
Conditions:	
Total Permit Fees/Date:	$140.00 06/12/2001

The Following Inspections are Required - Call (480) 350-8072 to schedule

Final Sign

Inspection Codes:
1) #901 - Footing
2) #905 - Masonry/Pregrout > 6 feet
3) #915 - Final Electrical
4) #999 - Final Sign

Permit void if work is not commenced within 120 days from the date of permit or if work is suspended or abandoned for a period of 120 days.

6-15-01
Date

Development Services Manager or Representative

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For more information call 480-350-8331 (voice), 480-350-8872 (fax) or 480-350-8400 (TDD)