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June 6, 2024

The Honorable Ronald B. Salem, Pharm. D., President
The Honorable Kevin Carrico, LUZ Chair
And Members of the City Council
City Hall
117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

**RE: Planning Commission Advisory Report
Ordinance No.: 2024-334**

Dear Honorable Council President Salem, Honorable Council Member and LUZ Chairperson Carrico and Honorable Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.204 and Section 656.129, *Ordinance Code*, the Planning Commission respectfully offers this report for consideration by the Land Use and Zoning Committee.

Planning and Development Department Recommendation: **Take no action**

Planning Commission Recommendation: **Take no action**

Planning Commission Commentary: There were no speakers for support or opposition. The Commissioners agreed with the Department to take no action on the Ordinance.

Planning Commission Vote: **6-0**

Charles Garrison, Chair	Aye
Tina Meskel, Vice Chair	Aye
Mark McGowan, Secretary	Absent
Lamonte Carter	Aye
Amy Fu	Absent
Julius Harden	Aye
Mon'e Holder	Absent
Ali Marar	Aye

Jack Meeks

Aye

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce E. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "L".

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REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Planning and Development Department hereby forwards to the Planning Commission; Land Use and Zoning Committee; and City Council its comments and recommendations on:

ORDINANCE 2024-334

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 368.301 (VIOLATIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES), PART 3 (ENFORCEMENT), CHAPTER 368 (NOISE CONTROL), ORDINANCE CODE, SECTION 614.103 (RESERVED), CHAPTER 614 (PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY), ORDINANCE CODE, SECTION 632.101 (CLASSES OF OFFENSES), CHAPTER 632 (PENALTIES), ORDINANCE CODE, SECTION 656.1309 (UNLAWFUL SIGN MESSAGES), PART 13 (SIGN REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 656 (ZONING CODE), ORDINANCE CODE, AND SECTION 741.107 (VIOLATIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES), PART 3 (ENFORCEMENT), CHAPTER 741 (ZERO TOLERANCE ON LITTER), ORDINANCE CODE, TO ENHANCE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY CODES WHEN SUCH VIOLATIONS WERE MOTIVATED BY HATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The bill amends Zoning Code Part 13 (Sign Regulations), Chapter 656 (Zoning Code) adding to the sign regulations in the zoning code to enhance fines for the projections of light, laser beams or any other medium to form text, graphics, logos, or artwork upon streets, walkways, fences, sign structures, land or water surfaces, or exterior walls or other exterior portions of buildings or any other structure motivated by hate.

I. EVALUATION

A. The need and justification for the change

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the Ordinance Code in several ways including Sec.656.1309 to enhance penalties (up to triple) which can be imposed against the commission of a code infraction based on hate.

B. The relationship of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and the work of the Department with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed amendment will further the purposes of the Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed ordinance does not conflict with the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

II. RECOMMENDATION

Due to the proposed request being strictly related to increases in fines for prohibited signage the Planning and Development Department does not take a position on the proposed Ordinance.