

**CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM**

07-59

DATE: August 1, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

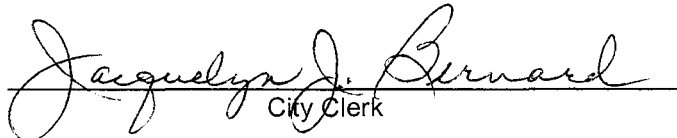
FROM: Jacquelyn J. Bernard, City Clerk

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

At the direction of the City Manager and in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Charter of the City of Oak Ridge, a special meeting of City Council is hereby called for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2007, in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the approval of the following ordinance on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," ARTICLE XIV, TITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS," SECTION 14.07, TITLED "SIGNS FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS," SUBSECTION 1.C.(2) TO PERMIT OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FIELDS WITH PERMANENT SEATING FOR MORE THAN 5,000 PERSONS TO HAVE UP TO TWO (2) SCOREBOARDS OF ANY SIZE AND TO LIMIT THE ADVERTISING AREA ON SUCH SCOREBOARDS TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE FRONT FACE OF THE SCOREBOARD.

  
City Clerk

cc: City Manager  
City Attorney  
Director of Community Development  
The Oak Ridger  
The Knoxville News Sentinel  
The Oak Ridge Observer  
BBB Communications

# OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Municipal Building Courtroom

August 6, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. First Reading of New Ordinances

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4. Adjournment

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM**  
**PLANNING DIVISION**  
**07-34**

DATE: July 30, 2007  
TO: James O'Connor, City Manager  
FROM: Monica Austin, AICP, Community Development Planning Division Manager  
RE: **REVISIONS TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE**

An item for the City Council agenda on August 6, 2007 is revisions to the sign ordinance. Over the past few months, Planning staff has identified areas in the Zoning Ordinance that were either not addressed, did not meet the criteria as prescribed in our Zoning Ordinance, or needed clarification. One such amendment is regarding the proposed scoreboard for Blankenship Field. The Oak Ridge Schools have received an additional scoreboard for the football field; however, the scoreboard does not meet the requirements as specified in Section 14.07 c. (2), which addresses scoreboards for athletic facilities/fields that are residentially zoned.

After discussion with representatives of the high school athletic department and City staff, Planning staff recommends that the following amendment be made to Section 14.07c. (2):

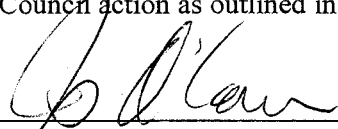
Sponsored scoreboards shall be allowed in athletic fields provided that the scoreboard(s) shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet in area and the advertising area is not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the front face of the scoreboard. Outdoor athletic fields with permanent seating for more than 5,000 persons shall be allowed **up to two (2) scoreboards of any size, however, in no event shall that do not exceed two hundred (200) square feet in area with the advertising area on such scoreboard not to exceed thirty-fifty percent (3050%)** of the front face of the scoreboard.

The Planning Commission at their regular scheduled meeting on July 26, 2007 voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the sign ordinance amendment as presented by staff.

  
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Monica Austin

**City Manager's Comments:**

I have reviewed the above issue and recommend Council action as outlined in this document.

  
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James O'Connor

7/31/07  
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Date

TITLE

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WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge recently revised the regulations pertaining to signs to eliminate outdated provisions and to update the remaining provisions thereby making the sign regulations more understandable to the general public; and

WHEREAS, after the adoption of the revised sign ordinance and real application of the provisions, the City has determined that some issues were not addressed in the sign ordinance, did not meet the criteria as prescribed in the Zoning Ordinance, or needed clarification; and

WHEREAS, one such issue is scoreboards for athletic facilities/fields within Residential Districts; and

WHEREAS, the following changes has been submitted for approval or disapproval to the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission and the Commission has approved the same; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing thereon has been held as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Section 14.07, titled "Signs for Residential Districts," is hereby amended by deleting subsection 1.c.(2) in its entirety and substituting therefor a new subsection 1.c.(2), which new subsection shall read as follows:

**Section 14.07. Signs for Residential Districts.**

**1. Types, Size and Location of Signs Allowed:**

**c. Signs for Athletic Facilities/Fields**

- (2) Sponsored scoreboards shall be allowed in athletic fields provided that the scoreboard(s) shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet in area and the advertising area is not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the front face of the scoreboard. Outdoor athletic fields with permanent seating for more than 5,000 persons shall be allowed up to two (2) scoreboards of any size; however, in no event shall the advertising area on such scoreboard exceed fifty percent (50%) of the front face of the scoreboard.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

*Kurt R. Kuskenushi*  
City Attorney

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Public Hearing: 8/20/07  
First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Publication Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Publication Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_