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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Bryan Langley, Deputy City Manager

DATE: August 15, 2017

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas amending certain provisions of Chapter 16 of the Denton Code of Ordinances, specifically Article VI Section 16-180, 16-181, 16-182, 16-183, 16-187 to provide for clarification of the definitions and permitting requirements applicable for filming within the City of Denton; providing for a severability clause, savings clause, and an effective date.

BACKGROUND

As a concluding item at the City Council meeting on July 18, 2017, Council Member Ryan requested staff review Chapter 16 of the City Code as it relates to film permits. This section of code was added in 1994 in an effort to increase economic development within the City by promoting filmmaking.

In order to clarify what filming is subject to the Code and requires a permit, Section 16-180.1

"Exemptions" was added to exclude filming for private use, news media, and City business. References to exemptions for "home videos" and "home movies" were removed and are applicable under the exemption for private use. A specific provision for notification has been added requiring permit holders to notify properties that may be reasonably affected by filming with notification in the Denton Record Chronicle if a street is being closed. Section 16-183 related to street closures is being repealed because it is applicable under section 16-181(e).

The revisions to the Code follow the guidelines set forth by the Texas Film Commission for Film Friendly Certified Communities. Economic Development staff are working towards the city of Denton becoming a Film Friendly city.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

This item was brought forth as a concluding item at the City Council meeting on July 18, 2017.

FISCAL INFORMATION

There is no fiscal impact associated with the passage of this ordinance.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence;

Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Economic Development

Related Goal: 3.3 Promote a business-friendly environment

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Ordinance

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