CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Resolution 2024-02 – Amending the Design Review Guidelines of the Sunshine Lamp District.

MEETING DATE
May 6, 2024

REVIEWED BY
Director of Planning Development and Neighborhood Services – Troy Bolander, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter Edwards, Assistant City Manager – Tony Robyn, City Manager – Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
The following is a resolution that amends Section IV - Signage of the adopted Design Review Standards of the Sunshine Lamp District to allow the inclusion of neon signs in the downtown historic district.

BACKGROUND
Historically neon signs have been a part of the character of downtown, and inclusion would not be in conflict with the mission of the Historic Preservation Commission to preserve and protect the architectural and cultural resources of the community. In response to the interest expressed by downtown businesses and property owners, the Historic Preservation Commission held a public meeting on December 12th, 2023 for the input and review of the public of the neon sign standards, and has since approved and forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission reasonable standards for the inclusion of neon signs.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Mr. Walters presented the case on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission. He stated that neon signs have traditionally been a part of downtown and the most important standard to be upheld in this amendment is that all signage remain pedestrian oriented. Mr. Kimble asked what was the line that you would be crossing going from pedestrian focused neon signage to auto focused neon signage. Mr. Walters stated that the guidelines limitation on the placement on the façade are intended to prevent the signs from being auto oriented.

PUBLIC COMMENT;
None

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends Approval for Case 017-24 (5 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 2 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS
Case 017-24 Staff Report
Resolution No. 2024-02
Sunshine Lamp District Map