

AGENDA REPORT

DATE October 15, 2002

ITEM Ord. 2834, Amending Uniform Building Codes Pertaining to the Sign Code, Title 15, Chapter 15.11, Section 15.11.050

INITIATED BY Community Development Department

ACTION REQUESTED Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Ord. 2834

PREPARED & PRESENTED BY Jeff Jenkins, Building Official

REVIEWED & APPROVED BY Mike Rattray, C.D. Director

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Ordinance 2834 on final reading.

MOTION:

I move to adopt Ordinance 2834 on final reading.

SYNOPSIS:

The amendment under consideration establishes the need for the contractor or someone in his employ to have the proper licensure as a prerequisite and condition for contractor licensing.

BACKGROUND:

In January of this year, we agreed to eliminate the equivalent of a master electrical license in order to acquire and maintain a contractor license. It was also understood that the contractor was still obligated to acquire or employ someone with a *sign electrician/journeyman certificate*. Those who have not or cannot meet this requirement have thumbed their noses at attempted enforcement and continue to install, illegally, signs with unlicensed individuals. We feel this has to be specifically spelled out in the ordinance to insure effective enforcement and protection for the community. Operation of a sign contracting business without having or employing qualified individuals should not be allowed.