



**Environmental
Planning
Commission**

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Project Number: 1001620
Case #: 12EPC 40075
January, 10 2013*

Staff Report

Agent	COA Planning Department
Applicant	City of Albuquerque
Request	Text Amendment to the Zoning Code, §14-16-3-5 (A) (4)
Current Zoning	Various; must be in CAN DOZ
Proposed Zoning	Same

Staff Recommendation
DEFERRAL of 12EPC 40075 for 30-days.

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Summary of Analysis

The purpose of this request is to amend the General Sign Regulations, §14-16-3-5 (A) (4), of the Zoning Code to allow a waiver of the sign fee for a neon sign in the Central Avenue Neon Sign Design Overlay Zone, or CAN DOZ. In order to qualify for the fee waiver, the sign must meet all requirements and regulations set forth by the CAN DOZ.

Findings for Deferral

1. This is a request to waive the sign fees when a qualifying neon sign is requested to be developed in the proposed Central Avenue Neon Design Overlay Zone (CAN DOZ).
2. This request is accompanied by two companion requests: creation of the CAN DOZ (12EPC-40077); and an amendment to the Nob Hill Highland Sector Development Plan (12EPC-40076).
3. The creation of the CAN DOZ needs further analyzing due to: comments received during the Agency Review process - additional revisions are needed to improve the formatting and organization of the CAN DOZ; to make the regulations more clear and enforceable; and to incorporate changes suggested by PNM to ensure adequate clearance for electric facilities.
4. The Planning Department requests a 30-day deferral to address issues raised in Agency Comments and to revise the proposed Design Overlay Zone document.

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