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City Council Agenda Report  
January 21, 2025

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**TO:** Honorable City Council

**FROM:** Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager

**BY:** Theresa Devoy, City Clerk

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NO. 25-1751 - AMENDING NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.03.170 – EXEMPT SIGNS**

**Background:**

Section 17.03.170 of the Norwalk Municipal Code (NMC) exempts certain signs from placement restrictions within the City. Subsection G(4) of this section specifically addresses political signs indicating that while they are allowed to be placed in the community 90-days prior to an election on private property, they are not allowed in the public right-of-way. The purpose of this proposed amendment is to clarify the language of the section eliminating any ambiguity as to what would cause a political sign to be removed. Following is the current and proposed language:

Current Language:

“Signs placed upon the public right-of-way are expressly prohibited, and are subject to immediate removal by City staff, if they are placed in such a manner as to obscure traffic signs or signals or obstruct vehicle operator’s line of sight.”

Proposed Language:

“Signs placed upon the public right-of-way are expressly prohibited and will be removed by the City. If the sign is placed in such a manner as to obscure traffic signs or signals or obstruct vehicle operators’ line of sight they are subject to immediate removal by City staff.”

No other provisions of this section are changing.

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**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Citizens Advised:**

N/A

**Strategic Plan 2023 Implementation:**

N/A

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends City Council accept for first reading, Ordinance No. 25-1751, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AMENDING NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.03.170(G)(4) REGARDING EXEMPT SIGNS, and waive further reading.

**Attachments:**

Ordinance No. 25-1751