

**TOWN OF  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Subject Item:**

**INTERPRETATION OF “ADJACENT” FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATION OF HUMAN OPERATED SIGNAGE NEAR PUBLIC SAFETY OR EMERGENCY FACILITIES**

**Summary Statement:**

Development Code Amendment No. 2008-001, restricts the location of Human Operated signs adjacent to any public safety or emergency facility. However, during the enforcement of this regulation, the interpretation of “adjacent” in the regulation below, has been unclear.

**9.74.050 Prohibited Signs**

*Q.* Human-operated signs located adjacent or in front of access areas to emergency/public safety facilities, such as police stations, fire stations and hospitals.

At the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on March 4, 2009, the Commission discussed an interpretation of ‘adjacent’ as it applies to the location of Human Operated Signage near public safety or emergency facilities. The Commission agreed that, for clarification purposes, it would be appropriate to amend the Development Code to include a separation distance requirement of 100 feet from access areas to any public safety or emergency facility.

Staff is seeking Council direction to proceed with a Development Code Amendment to amend “Section 9.74.050 (Q) Prohibited Signs” as recommended by the Planning Commission. Staff will include the recommended 100-foot dimension to the provision shown above for clarification. A Development Code Amendment requires that Council initiate a Development Code Amendment and request a recommendation from the Planning Commission prior to adoption.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to receive and file the report and direct staff to initiate a Development Code Amendment.

**Proposed by:**           Planning Division          

**Item Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town Manager Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget Item**  Yes  No

Town Council Meeting: April 14, 2009