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TO: Mayor & City Council

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SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on Infrastructure and Growth Committee Meeting Agenda

DATE: June 14, 2010

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the ~~Infrastructure and Growth Committee~~:

This memorandum seeks City Council support to place an item on future City Council Agenda to amend specific provisions of the City Code to allow certain commercial electrified barriers within the City of San Antonio city limits. Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-93(d) of the San Antonio City Code currently prohibits all forms of electrified fences within the City of San Antonio.

Brief Background

Other major Texas cities, as well as various cities around the nation, have adopted ordinances or local regulations that permit electrified fencing and/or barriers within their city limits. Through adoption of this ordinance, San Antonio would join cities such as Austin and Dallas that have already adopted this type of local regulation.

The proposed amendment to the City Code would permit electrified barriers to be erected/constructed in those areas that have the following zoning designations: Light Industrial District (L), General Industrial District (I-1), and Heavy Industrial District (I-2). Electrified barriers would not be permitted in any other zoning districts. Furthermore, all electrified barriers would be required to meet the specifications and requirements outlined in the Code amendment.

Submitted for Council consideration
by:

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Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III, SECTION 10-93(d) OF
THE CITY CODE TO PERMIT CERTAIN FORMS OF
COMMERCIAL ELECTRIFIED BARRIERS WITHIN THE CITY
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Section 1. Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-93(d) of the City Code which regulates electrified fencing is hereby amended so that it shall hereafter include the following described changes:

Chapter 10: Electric Code; Article III- Standards and Specifications, Section 10-93(d); Section 10-93(d) Installation Rules:

d. Electrified fences or barriers, regardless of voltage, shall not be permitted to be installed or utilized.

1. Notwithstanding the above provision in d., Low-voltage electrified barriers shall be permitted in the Light Industrial District (L), General Industrial District (I-1), Heavy Industrial District (I-2), subject to the following regulations:

a. Electrified barriers shall be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) volts, primary voltage, and a maximum of seven thousand (7,000) volts, secondary voltage.

b. Electrified barriers shall be limited to outdoor storage areas only.

c. Electrified barriers shall be completely surrounded by a non-electrical fence or wall, which shall be separated from the electrical fence by at least six (6) inches at the closest point.

d. The height of the non-electrical fence or wall shall be no less than six (6) feet in height and no more than eight (8) feet in height at its highest point.

e. All electrified barriers shall be no higher than ten (10) feet high.

f. Electrified barriers must be clearly identified as such, with warning signs in English and Spanish which read, "Warning-Electrified Fencing" placed every sixty (60) feet placed along the non-electrical perimeter fence or wall as provided for in (e)(3) herein.

g. Electrified barriers shall not be located within five (5) feet of any public right-of-way or sidewalk.

h. Electrified barriers shall not be activated between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

i. Electrified barriers shall not be located less than three hundred (300) feet from a residence or from any public, private parochial school, day care facility, church or park land.