

**Village of Royal Palm Beach  
Village Council  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Agenda Item:**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRST READING AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION 22-25 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1031, AN APPLICATION BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, REGARDING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 20. SIGNS. OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND SECTIONS 20-1 AND 20-57 TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATIONAL SIGN AND TO ALLOW FOR SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATIONAL SIGNS ON SCHOOL BOARD OWNED PROPERTIES WITH OPERATING HIGH SCHOOLS AS A MATTER OF RIGHT WITHIN THE PUBLIC OWNERSHIP (PO) DISTRICT SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.**

**Issue:**

The applicant is proposing amendments to the Village Code at Articles I and IV of Chapter 20, Signs. More specifically, the applicant is proposing to amend Sections 20-1 and 20-57 to add a definition for the term “School Board informational sign” and to allow for School Board informational signs on School Board owned properties with operating high schools as a matter of right subject to additional location, brightness, messaging and review conditions; specifically requested for a property at 10600 Okeechobee Boulevard.

The proposed changes to Chapter 20. Signs, are as follows:

*Section 20-1. - Definitions:*

- Add a new definition for the term “School Board informational sign”

*Section 20-57. – Public ownership district (PO) or other village-owned property:*

- To allow School Board informational signs within the Public Ownership District or other Village-owned Properties;
- Establishes additional regulations for School Board informational signs relative to location, brightness, messaging and review requirements.

The Local Planning Agency considered the application on September 27, 2022, and recommended Approval by a vote of 4-0.

**Recommended Action:**

Staff is recommending Approval of Application No. 22-25 (Text Amendment) and Ordinance 1031 on first reading.

Initiator:	Village Manager	Agenda Date	Village Council
P & Z Director	Approval	10/20/2022	Action

## **ORDINANCE NO. 1031**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20. SIGNS. AT ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL., SECTION 20-1. DEFINITIONS. TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATIONAL SIGN AND AT ARTICLE IV. PERMITTED SIGNS., SECTION 20-57. PUBLIC OWNERSHIP DISTRICT (PO) OR OTHER VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTY. TO ALLOW FOR SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATIONAL SIGNS ON SCHOOL BOARD OWNED PROPERTIES WITH OPERATING HIGH SCHOOLS AS A MATTER OF RIGHT WITHIN THE PUBLIC OWNERSHIP (PO) DISTRICT SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING THAT EACH AND EVERY OTHER SECTION AND SUB-SECTION OF CHAPTER 20. SIGNS. SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, has received privately initiated application #22-25 (Text Amendment) requesting certain text amendments to the Village Code in order to create a new definition for the term “School Board informational sign” and to allow for school board informational signs on school board owned properties with operating high schools as a matter of right within the public ownership (po) district subject to additional regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach desires to update its Code as more specifically detailed in privately initiated application #22-25 (Text Amendment); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Royal Palm Beach has held all required public hearings and has provided public notice in accordance with applicable State statutes and Village ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach has determined that the proposed revisions to Chapter 20. Signs. are in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of Royal Palm Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1:** Chapter 20. Signs. of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Royal Palm Beach is hereby amended at Article I. In General., Sec. 20-1. Definitions. in order to add a definition for “School Board informational sign”; providing that Sec. 20-1 shall hereafter read as follows:

## **Sec. 20-1. - Definitions.**

School Board informational sign: A permitted, freestanding sign owned, installed and controlled by the School Board on School Board property with an operating high school that may include changeable copy with or without electronic message components or just electronic message components alone; and if equipped with electronic message capabilities, such messages shall appear at time intervals of no less than ten (10) seconds apart. (See also section 20-57 for 7 additional regulations.)

[All other definitions shall remain the same as previously adopted.]

**Section 2:** Chapter 20. Signs. of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Royal Palm Beach is hereby amended at Article IV. Permitted Signs., Sec. 20-57. Public ownership district (PO) or other village-owned property. in order to allow for School Board informational signs on School Board owned properties with operating high schools as a matter of right subject to additional location, brightness, messaging and review conditions; providing that Sec. 20-57 shall hereafter read as follows:

### **Sec. 20-57. – Public ownership district (PO) or other village-owned property.**

The following signs or types of signs are permitted in the public ownership district (PO), including School Board property with an operating high school, or installed on other village-owned property:

- (1) One (1) freestanding monument sign for each right-of-way frontage, not to exceed forty-two (42) square feet in area, and not to exceed seven (7) feet in height and eight (8) feet in width, with exterior illumination only.
- (2) Flags. Flags in this district are specifically exempt from the regulations set forth at section 20-98; and such flags and flagpoles shall be reviewed by village staff only but subject to approval by village council.
- (3) Directional signs.
- (4) Wall signs.
- (5) Changeable copy signs.
- (6) Building identification signs.

(7) Village and School Board informational signs. Notwithstanding the general prohibition against flashing or animated signs as set forth at section 20-41, this type of sign may display intermittent or sequential lighting, movement or color changes subject to the following:

- a. The electronic message component of such sign shall appear at time intervals of no less than ten (10) seconds apart.
- b. No sign of this type may exceed ten (10) feet in height, thirteen (13) feet in width and one hundred thirty (130) square feet in sign area.
- c. The sign shall only be utilized to display informational messages regarding public and/or not-for-profit events, programs and activities or to communicate public safety issues to the residents of the surrounding areas.

d. For School Board-owned properties with an operating high school, electronic School Board informational signs will only be permitted subject to the following additional conditions:

1. Location: School Board informational signs may be installed only at public high schools within the Village's municipal boundaries on arterial roadways.
2. Brightness: The electronic sign shall be equipped with an adjustable lighting level to ensure that the sign can be dimmed so that at no time shall the sign exceed a brightness level of 0.3 foot candles above ambient light after sunset and before sunrise.
3. Messages: All messages displayed on School Board informational signs shall be related to news, events, and programs all of which are school related activities pertaining to the school and its functions. No advertising of any kind shall be allowed. All messages shall be text only. No pictures or logos of any kind shall be displayed. School Board informational signs shall not be used to display messages recognizing school business partners or for the advertising of non-school related commercial events or entities.
4. Review: All School Board informational signs shall require approval by the planning and zoning commission and village council.

~~e.~~ Except as required by Section 7(d)(4) above, this sign type shall not be subject to review and approval by the planning and zoning commission.

(8) Temporary noncommercial signs associated with a definite event, as provided in section 20-54.

**Section 3:** Each and every other Section and Sub-section of Chapter 20. Signs. shall remain in full force and effect as previously enacted.

**Section 4:** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict be and the same are hereby repealed.

**Section 5:** Should any section or provision of this Ordinance or any portion thereof, any paragraph, sentence or word be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

**Section 6:** Specific authority is hereby granted to codify this Ordinance.

**Section 7:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

FIRST READING this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

SECOND AND FINAL READING this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

**VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH**

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MAYOR FRED PINTO

ATTEST:

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DIANE DISANTO, VILLAGE CLERK