

WORK SESSION

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Pineville Neighbors Place Update (Staci McBride)
- 2. Paws in the Park Signage (Ryan Spitzer)
- <u>3.</u> Employee Handbook Update (*Linda Gaddy*)
- 4. Entrance Signs (*Travis Morgan*)
- 5. Pour and Play (Ryan Spitzer)
- 6. Cone Mill Redevelopment (Jon Visconti)

CLOSED SESSION

7. Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 (5) - acquisition of property for a substation

ADJOURN

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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2024

Agenda Title/Category:	Paws in the Park Signage				
Staff Contact/Presenter:	Ryan Spitzer				
Meets Strategic Initiative or Approved Plan:	Yes	No x	If yes, list:		
Background:	Paws in the Park would like to have off premise event signage leading up to their event. Currently the Town Ordinances do not allow this so Council would need to either give an exemption or amend the Town Ordinances. The organization would like the signage up prior to the event. Section 5.2.7 (c) allows Town Council to approve banners in the right of way for non-profit organizations.				
Discussion:	Town Council: 1. Deny the request for off premise signage 2. Allow the organization to have the requested banners in the right of way per Section 5.2.7.				
Fiscal impact:	N/A				
Attachments:	 Map of locations Town of Pineville Applicable Ordinances 				
Recommended Motion to be made by Council:	N/A				

TOWN OF PINEVILLE SIGNAGE

5.2.7 Religious Institutions and Other Non-Profit Organizations

Temporary special event signs or banners for religious, charitable, civic, or similar verified non-profit organizations provided that:

- A) Two on-premise signs no larger than thirty-two (32) square feet property shall be permitted per event. Portable signs may be used for such purposes.
- B) Signs shall be erected no sooner than 14 days before and removed 7 days after the event.
- C) The Town Council may approve other signs or banners to be located in or across a public road right-ofway. The number, location, material, and direction of such signs shall be determined by the Town Council.

5.3 PROHIBITED SIGNS

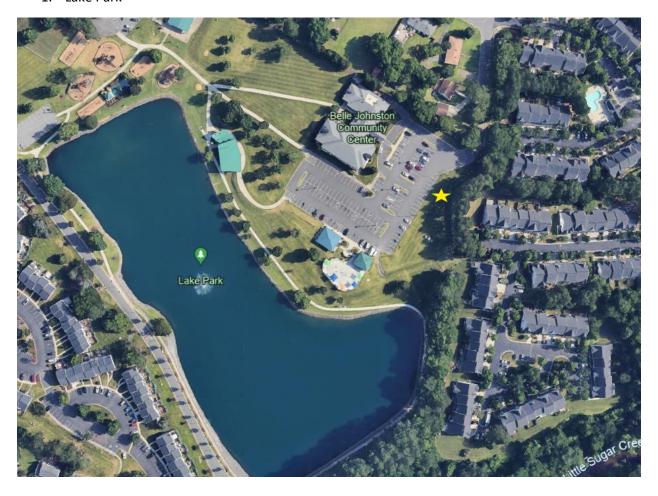
- F) Any sign placed on any curb, sidewalk, post, pole, hydrant, bridge, tree, or other surface located on, over, or across any public street or right-of-way unless authorized by the Pineville Town Council or the North Carolina Department of Transportation
- I) Portable signs (except as otherwise stated in this Ordinance).
- R) Banners. Banner signs of vinyl fabric, corrugated plastic or similar material or displays typically used in association with temporary events unless specifically stated elsewhere.

5.3 PROHIBITED SIGNS

K) Off-Premise Sign (such as a Billboard). Any sign that is not located within the property that it identifies or advertises.

Paws in the Park Banner Locations 4' by 8'

1. Lake Park



2. Polk Site



3. Town Hall





TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 2/26/2024

Agenda Title/Category:	HR Handbook of Policies revised 2024			
Staff Contact/Presenter:	Linda Gaddy			
Meets Strategic Initiative or Approved Plan:	Yes	No	If yes, list:	
Background:	We have conducted a complete review and update of our Employee Handbook of policies. Last revision was in 2019, minor addition 2021.			
Discussion:	Review the significant changes to policies and the handbook.			
Fiscal impact:	Almost none. One benefit increase that could cost \$2000 per year.			
Attachments:	PowerPoint presentation			
	Short List of Significant changes			
Recommended Motion to be made by Council:				





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2024

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If we decide that this is an important policy to put in place, then we would include or reference a full detailed policy outlining the definition of types of flexible work, the approvals needed, and the rules around work, including from a remote location.

The definitions of three alternative work arrangement options available to full-time non-exempt employees.

- 1. Alternate Hours A block of time at the start or end of traditional eight-hour days during which non-exempt employees may report and complete their required shift hours of work.
- 2. Job Sharing One full-time job is shared by two part-time employees. Job-sharing as an alternative work arrangement must ensure a continuity of work that equates to one full-time position's duties.
- 3. Remote Work Working from home or another remote location for all or part of the regular work week.

Other rules would include:

An employee requesting to work remotely must have been employed with the Employer for a minimum of 90 days (unless there are extenuating circumstances preapproved by the Department Head and Town Manager), and must otherwise meet certain criteria to be eligible for this benefit.

Significant vs. cosmetic updates

These are just any significant changes. The full list of sections checked or edited is a six-page chart, because we reviewed the entire Handbook. The rest are changes to wording for clarification, elimination of duplication, or slight reorganization.

Once everyone has reviewed and approved, the plan is to roll out to managers and employees effective May 1, 2024. All employees will sign the Acknowledgement of Receipt.

Procedures Manual

The administrative procedures removed from the policy handbook, plus some procedures that H.R. has been formally documenting that have only been informal to date, and any accompanying forms are being complied into a new Human Resources Procedures Manual.

A few procedures were also Finance polices and procedures that are not governed by Human Resources, but published by Finance. Those were also removed because they do not belong in H.R. (such as Use of Town Credit Cards, Travel expenses)

Procedures Manual

Town of Pineville Human Resources

Procedures and Supplemental Policies Manual

Revised 5/1/2024

Town of Pineville				
Policy and Procedures	Dipovilla			
Section 3:	NORTH CAROLINA			
	Policy Number:			
	Effective Date:			
Policy Title:	Revision Date			
	Approved by:			
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The full list summarizing all of the edits is available, as well as the current version that was last updated in March 2021 just to include the addition of the first Firefighters hired by the Town.

Once this revision is approved it will be rolled out effective April 1st 2024.

Linda Gaddy Human Resource Director

Workshop Meeting



To: Town Council **From:** Travis Morgan

Date: 2/26/2024

Re: Town Entry Sign (Informational Item)

REQUEST:

Consideration and recommendation for new welcome to Pineville sign on North Polk Street.

STAFF COMMENT:

We are looking at replacing the prior sign that was by the current Hyundai dealership. We are moving away from the prior "cabinet" style internally illuminated sign type and more toward a more attractive municipal sign type reflective of the character of the Town. See attached sign types and initial staff proposal. Comment and suggestions welcomed. Brick is a suggested material reflective of Main Street, The former mill, and overlay standards. The sign should be legible at night so illumination is a consideration. Carved wood signs can be nice but not the best choice for long term maintenance. Text can be "Welcome to Pineville" or simply "Town of Pineville. A standard graphic interest tactic would be to use a script serif font with a sans serif font. Lighting can be internally lit, down lit, up lit, or back "halo" type.

NEXT STEPS:

With consensus on sign type/style we can progress to going out for formal design that we can bring back before you and then proceed after quotes to install.

Note images below are Brick style:







Slab style sign on masonry base:





Hanging sign type:



"L" shape slab style sign



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Carved wood between posts type







TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 2/26/2024

Agenda Title/Category:	Pour in Play Lake Park				
Staff Contact/Presenter:	Jordan Williams				
Meets Strategic Initiative or Approved Plan:	Yes	No	If yes, list:		
Background:	Look at the cost of pour in play at Lake Park				
Discussion:	Pour in Play quotes and rankings of playgrounds				
Fiscal impact:					
Attachments:	Pour in Play quotes. Playground rankings for pour in play				
Recommended Motion to be made by Council:	Consider pour in play in the Zipline and Tower playgrounds				

ADA Pour and Play Playground Priority List

- 1. ADA Accessible Playground
- 2. Zipline
- 3. Jack Hughes Park
- 4. ADA Swing Sets
- 5. Blue and Red Playground
- 6. Dinosaur Playground
- 7. Blue and Yellow Playground

Pour in Play Quotes					
Area		(Gametime	Barr's Recreation	
1	Tower	\$	125,554.02	\$ 154,654.50	
2	Zipline	\$	56,623.36	\$ 78,372.94	
3	Jack Hughes Park		No Quote	No Quote	
4	Swing Sets		No Quote	No Quote	
5	Blue and Red Playground	\$	70,998.68	No Quote	
6	Dinosour Playground	\$	82,415.50	No Quote	
7	Blue and Yellow Playground	\$	72,474.36	No Quote	

