

**CITY OF SAMMAMISH
WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 02005-180**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTERS 21A.15 AND 21A.45 OF THE SAMMAMISH MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS, COMMUNITY BANNERS, AND COMMUNITY EVENT SIGNS INCLUDING SIGN SPECIFICATIONS, LOCATION RESTRICTIONS, AND REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state law, Chapter 35A.63 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 36.70A RCW, the Sammamish City Council has adopted the Sammamish Municipal Code (SMC), including Title 21A, Development Code, which regulates land use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the City of Sammamish Comprehensive Plan which contains goals, objectives and policies regarding land use compatibility and environmental considerations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Sammamish City Council to ensure the development of fair and reasonable regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, pursuant to SMC 2.60.040(2) “shall review and make recommendations to the City council relating to the City’s land use ordinances and regulations”; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered proposed amendments to Chapters 15 and 45 of Title 21A of the Sammamish Municipal Code, concerning temporary political signs, community banners, and community event signs, during their regular meetings on March 3, March 24, April 7, and April 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Checklist for the proposed amendments, a non-project action, was prepared pursuant to Washington Administrative Code Chapter 197-11 and City of Sammamish Municipal Code Chapter 20.15, and a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued on March 23, 2005 with the comment period ending on April 11, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 7, 2005, to consider the proposed amendments to the Sammamish Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the proposed amendments to the Sammamish Municipal Code to be consistent with, and to implement the intent of, the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after due consideration, recommended amendments to Chapters 15 and 45 of Title 21A of the Sammamish Municipal Code to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, after providing thirty (30) days public notice, the City Council held a public hearing on May 3, 2005, to consider amending the Sammamish Municipal Code in accordance with the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed amendments, the Planning Commission recommendation, and public comment received during the regular meeting on May 17, 2005, and finds the amendments to be in the public interest:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

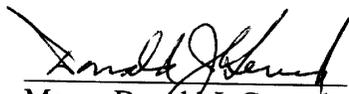
Section 1. Amendment. Chapters 15 and 45 of Title 21A of the Sammamish Municipal Code are amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

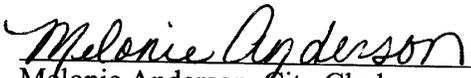
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 17th DAY OF MAY 2005.

CITY OF SAMMAMISH



Mayor Donald J. Gerend

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Bruce L. Disend, City Attorney

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| Filed with the City Clerk: | April 22, 2005 |
| Public Hearing: | May 3, 2005 |
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| Passed by the City Council: | May 17, 2005 |
| Date of Publication: | May 22, 2005 |
| Effective Date: | May 27, 2005 |

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Sammamish Municipal Code Amendments:

Political Signs

228th Ave SE Community Banner

Public Facility Signs

Community Event Signs

Amendment List:

- SMC 21A.15.110X – Definition of “Sign, Community Banner”
- SMC 21A.15.110X – Definition of “Sign, Community Event”
- SMC 21A.15.114X – Definition of “Sign, Political”
- SMC 21A.45.040 – Amend Prohibited Signs section to clarify prohibition of sign in the ROW
- SMC 21A.45.080 – Amend Residential Zone Signs to allow public facility signs
- SMC 21A.45.120 – Amend Political sign, Community Event sign and Community Banner siting, removal, and design requirements

21A.15.110X Sign, Community Banner.

“Sign, Community Banner” means a temporary sign located on City banner poles, which advertises an event that would provide civic, cultural, educational, philanthropic, or service opportunities hosted or promoted by the City or a community group that is not-for-profit or non-profit and non-political with an IRS designation of Section 501 (c) or (d).

21A.15.110X Sign, Community Event.

“Sign, Community Event” means a temporary sign announcing or promoting a nonprofit or not-for-profit sponsored community fair, festival, event (community events include but are not limited to regularly scheduled events or meetings by churches, homeowner’s associations and other community groups).

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21A.15.114X Sign, Political.

“Political sign” means signs advertising a candidate or candidates for public elective office, or a political party, or signs urging a particular vote on a public issue decided by ballot.

21A.45.040 Prohibited signs.

Except as indicated by this chapter, the following signs or displays are prohibited:

- (1) Portable signs including, but not limited to, sandwich/A-frame signs and mobile readerboard signs, and excluding signs permitted under SMC 21A.45.120;
- (2) Private signs on utility poles;
- (3) Signs which, by reason of their size, location, movement, content, coloring, or manner of illumination may be confused with traffic control signs or signals;
- (4) Signs located in the public right-of-way, except where permitted in this chapter, provided that in no case shall temporary signs permitted under SMC 21A.45.120 be located within travel lanes or sidewalks, or be attached to traffic control signs, utility or signal poles;
- (5) Posters, pennants, strings of lights, blinking lights, balloons, searchlights, and other displays of a carnival nature; except as architectural features, or on a limited basis as seasonal decorations or as provided for in SMC 21A.45.120 as grand opening displays;
- (6) Changing message center signs, where the message changes more frequently than every three minutes; and
- (7) Billboards.

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21A.45.080 Residential zone signs.

Signs in the R zone are limited as follows:

- (1) Nonresidential Use.
 - (a) One sign identifying nonresidential uses not otherwise regulated by this section, not exceeding 25 square feet and not exceeding six feet in height is permitted;

- (b) Schools are permitted one sign per school or school facility entrance, which may be located in the setback. Two additional wall signs attached directly to the school or school facility are permitted;
 - (c) Public agency facilities, including but not limited to civic centers, community centers, public agency offices, public utility yards, are permitted two signs for each facility. Each sign shall be limited to a sign area of not more than 30 square feet and not exceeding a height of more than six feet for freestanding signs.
 - (ed) Home occupation and home industry signs are limited to wall signs not exceeding six square feet.
- (2) Residential Use.
- (a) One residential identification sign not exceeding two square feet is permitted; and
 - (b) One permanent residential development identification sign not exceeding 32 square feet is permitted per development. The maximum height for the sign shall be six feet. The sign may be freestanding or mounted on a wall, fence, or other structure.

21A.45.120 Signs or displays of limited duration.

The following temporary signs or displays are permitted and except as required by the ~~Uniform International Building Code, SMC 16.20 - Construction Administrative Code,~~ or as otherwise ~~permitted~~required in this chapter, do not require building permits:

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- (3) Political Signs are allowed, subject to the following requirements:-
- (a) Location.
 - (i) Political signs may be displayed on private property with the consent of the property owner.
 - (ii) Political signs may be displayed within public easements or streets; provided that signs shall not be located within the center median of Principal, Minor, and Collector Arterials (as defined) or within roundabouts, traffic circles, or islands.
 - (iii) Political signs located pursuant to subsections (i) or (ii) shall not obstruct sight distances as prescribed by SMC 14.01 – Public Works Standards or by SMC 21A.25.220 – Sight Distance Requirements.
 - (b) Specifications.
 - (i) Political signs located on private property may have a maximum sign area of up to thirty-two (32) square feet;
 - (ii) Freestanding political signs on private property may be up to eight (8) feet tall;
 - (iii) Political signs located on or within public easements or streets may have a maximum sign area of up to four (4) square feet and may be up to three (3) feet tall above grade;
 - (iv) Political signs located within fifteen (15) feet of a street corner or driveway, as further identified in SMC 14.01 – Public Works Standards or SMC 21A.25.220 – Sight Distance Requirements, shall be further limited in sign area and height as necessary to satisfy sight distance limitations;

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(v) Political signs shall be stationary and shall not be illuminated.

(c) Removal.

(i) Political signs shall be removed within seven (7) days following the election.

(ii) Property owners shall be responsible for the removal of political signs located on private property.

(iii) The campaign officer or responsible official shall be responsible for the removal of political signs located on or within public easements or streets.

~~(a) Signs, posters or bills promoting or publicizing candidates for public office or issues that are to be voted upon in a general or special election may be displayed on private property with the consent of the property owner. Any such sign, poster or bill shall be removed within 10 days following the election; and~~

~~(b) A political sign, poster, bill or other advertising device may be located on public property or within public easements or street rights of way; provided, that they do not obstruct sight distances as prescribed in the City's street standards as set forth in the public works standards;~~

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(5) Community Event Signs- are allowed, subject to the following requirements:

(a) Location.

(i) Community event signs may be displayed on private property with the consent of the property owner.

(ii) Community event signs may be displayed within public easements or streets, provided that:

a. Signs shall be an A-Frame sign as specified in subsection (b) below; and

b. Signs shall not be located within the center median of Principal, Minor, and Collector Arterials (as defined) or within roundabouts, traffic circles, or islands.

(iii) Community event signs located pursuant to subsections (i) or (ii) shall not obstruct sight distances as prescribed by SMC 14.01 – Public Works Standards or by SMC 21A.25.220 – Sight Distance Requirements.

(iv) The Director, in consultation with the City Engineer, and following review of applicable State and City codes, may approve temporary sign placement in the public right-of-way on hardscape areas (i.e. concrete pads or other sidewalk areas not used for pedestrian travel), provided that sign location does not conflict with items (i) or (ii) above;

(b) Specifications.

(i) Community event signs on private property may have a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet;

(ii) Community event signs on public easements or streets shall be "A-Frame" signs that shall not exceed six square feet in area for each sign, and shall not exceed 42 inches in height;

(iii) Community event signs located within fifteen (15) feet of a street corner or driveway, as further identified in SMC 14.01 – Public Works Standards or SMC 21A.25.220 – Sight Distance Requirements, shall be further limited in sign area and height as necessary to satisfy sight distance limitations; and,

(iv) Community event signs shall be stationary and shall not be illuminated.

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(c) Removal.

(i) Community events signs shall be removed within seven (7) days following the end of the community fair, festival, or event, provided that the signs shall not be displayed for more than a total of twenty-one (21) calendar days; and,

(ii) Sign removal shall be the responsibility of the event sponsor.

~~Community event signs shall be limited to announcing or promoting a nonprofit sponsored community fair, festival, or event;~~

~~(b) Community event signs may be displayed no more than the time period specified in the temporary use permit issued pursuant to Chapter 21A.110 SMC; and~~

~~(e) Community event signs shall be removed by the event sponsor within two weeks following the end of the community fair, festival, or event.~~

(6) Community Banners Sign. Community Banners are allowed subject to the following provisions:

(a) Community Banners shall only be located on public banner poles erected by the City for that use;

(b) Letters on the sign shall not be less than 12 inches in height except for lettering associated with sponsor logos;

(c) Banners shall not be illuminated or have any attention-getting lights; and,

(d) Sponsor logos shall be limited to the name and corporate symbol of the sponsor.

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