

**CITY OF SAMMAMISH
WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. O2011 - 296

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,
WASHINGTON, TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZING
FUNDRAISING SIGNS IN CERTAIN ZONES OF
THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City owns the historic Freed Farmhouse; and

WHEREAS, the current location of the house is inappropriate and the house must be moved; and

WHEREAS, the house is also in need of restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Sammamish Heritage Society has offered to conduct fundraising to move the house and restore it; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has budgeted City funds for moving and restoration of the Freed Farmhouse, but said funds will have to be supplemented by substantial additional funds raised by the Heritage Society or others as necessary for restoration of the Freed Farmhouse; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to place a sign at the current location of the house indicating that a fundraising effort is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.63.220 provides that the City may adopt temporary interim zoning controls provided that a public hearing on the interim zoning ordinance is held within sixty days of its adoption; and

WHEREAS, an interim zoning ordinance may be effective for not longer than six months unless renewed in accordance with RCW 35A.63.220; and

WHEREAS, leaving the Freed Farmhouse in its present location, and without restoration, will result in further deterioration of the house and continue the undesirable impacts on neighboring properties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has concluded that it is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to adopt interim zoning regulations, on an emergency basis, in order to forestall further damage; and

WHEREAS, an additional purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the ability of any qualifying organization, utilizing a fundraising sign as defined herein, to erect such sign when it raises money to support a project or activity in a city government-owned building or a building on city-owned land;

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

Section 1. Fundraising Signs Authorized – Applicability. Fundraising signs are hereby authorized in R-6, R-8, R-12, and R-18 zones as provided in the following sections of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Definition of Fundraising Sign. For the purposes of this ordinance, “fundraising sign” is a sign that is erected by a nonprofit or not-for-profit organization for the purposes raising money to support a cause or purpose promoted by the nonprofit or not-for-profit organization.

Section 3. Location. Fundraising signs authorized by this Ordinance are subject to the following location requirements:

- A. Fundraising signs may only be located on property zoned R-6, R-8, R-12, and R-18;
- B. Any fundraising sign authorized located on a street corner or driveway shall conform to with Chapter 14.01 SMC, Public Works Standards, and SMC 21A.25.220, sight distance requirements; and
- C. All signs shall be located on private property with the written permission of the property owner.

Section 4. Specifications for Fundraising Signs. Fundraising signs authorized by this Ordinance may be attached to a wall or be free standing signs subject to the following design specifications:

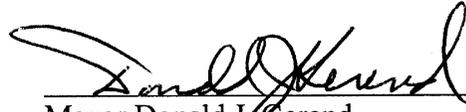
- A. All signs shall be limited to an area of thirty-two (32) square feet;
- B. Signs shall not be illuminated;
- C. All signs shall be constructed of wood or a similar material;
- D. Display of the sign is limited to a maximum of six (6) months;
- E. Freestanding signs shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet; and,
- F. Freestanding signs shall be located outside of required zoning setbacks.

Section 5. 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 6. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an emergency ordinance necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare, shall take effect and be in full force immediately.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON
THE 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2011.**

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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