



Dear Mayor Hogan and Fellow Councilors,

Purchasing or selling a home is one of the biggest life decisions most people make. For first-time home buyer and empty nester alike, our members are the professional REALTORS® and affiliates that make it possible.

New home buyers are the engine that drive a community's progress. Camas' schools, parks, and public facilities depend on the investment from new residents moving into the city. It is important that the real estate industry be allowed to advertise and conduct business within the city, just like a restaurant, retail store or any other business.

Unfortunately, a section in the Camas Municipal Code Annual Code Amendments would hinder the ability of our members and their clients to advertise homes and commercial properties for sale in the city by prohibiting signs within 150 ft. of the outer curb of any roundabout within the City. While we agree with the reasoning behind the code amendment, it does raise concerns about the ability of property owners and REALTORS® to advertise available properties. Real estate signs are temporary, and are an essential part of ensuring a swift transaction. This section of the amendment would also impact temporary signs used during elections, which could raise free speech implications as well.

We agree with the banning of these signs *in the center circle of roundabouts*, which will preserve public safety, as mentioned by Chief Lackey. However, the banning of signs within 150 ft. of roundabouts is a step too far. This may prevent signs at locations entering or exiting roundabouts as well. For the sake of small businesses and our political system please consider removing or amending the 150 ft. ban section from the sign code outlined in the annual amendments.

Our members and their clients appreciate the community of Camas for its rich past and look forward to its continued bright future!

Sincerely,

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