

ORDINANCE NO. 22-008

AN ORDINANCE adopting a new Section 18.15.100A(4) of the Camas Municipal Code prohibiting the placement of signs within or adjacent to roundabouts in the City of Camas.

WHEREAS, Camas Municipal Code Section 18.15.080B prohibits within the City of Camas any signs located in such a manner so that by location, color, size, shape, and nature would tend to obstruct the view or be confused with official traffic signage; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted vision clearance requirements which prohibit the placement of improvements or vegetation which create the potential for traffic hazards; and

WHEREAS, the layout of roundabouts requires adequate attention be paid by drivers and creates the potential for distracted driving in the event that certain improvements or signage are located within any vision clearance area; and

WHEREAS, the layout of roundabouts further creates a potential hazard to pedestrians acting to place any signs with the center island thereto or adjacent areas; and

WHEREAS, AASHTO's "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (Latest Edition)" sets forth certain Stopping Sight Distance standards for intersections and further safety and design standards are set forth in the US Department of Transportation Manual- Roundabouts, an Informational Guide which indicate design concerns associated with visual distractions and safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington has advised that signs located within untraveled areas of certain rights-of-way, such as roundabouts and boulevard medians, may be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the City Council held public hearings on the revisions to Section 18.15.100; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the placement of temporary signs not otherwise approved by the City of Camas within the center island of a roundabout, within any splitter islands adjacent thereto, or within 10 feet of the outer curb of the circulatory travel lanes that are within the public right-of-way creates a potential hazard for drivers and pedestrians and should be prohibited.

NOW, WHEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

A new subsection 18.15.100A(4) of Camas Municipal Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

CMC 18.15.100A(4)

4. Location. Temporary signs are prohibited from being placed within the center island of roundabouts, any splitter islands adjacent to any roundabout, and within 10 feet of the outer curb of all circulatory travel lanes that are within the public right-of-way of any roundabout.

Section II

This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2022.

SIGNED: _____
Mayor

SIGNED: _____
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

City Attorney