

Chapter 10.08 – Streets and Roads

10.08.010 – Functional classification of the City of Medina's streets and roads.

Applying the definitions as established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation, for a minor arterial, collector, and local access transportation route, the following designations are adopted for the City of Medina's streets and roads:

A. *Minor arterial.*

1. 84th Avenue NE, from NE 12th Street to NE 28th Street.

B. *Collector.*

1. Evergreen Point Road, from Overlake Drive West to 78th Place NE.
2. Overlake Drive West, from Evergreen Point Road to Groat Point Drive.
3. Overlake Drive East, from Groat Point Drive to Lake Washington Boulevard.
4. NE 12th Street, from Evergreen Point Road to Lake Washington Boulevard.
5. Lake Washington Boulevard, from NE 12th Street to the Medina city limit near Lake Washington Boulevard.
6. NE 24th Street, from Evergreen Point Road to 84th Avenue NE.

C. *Local access.*

1. All other streets and roads within the City of Medina.

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Chapter 12.44 – Street Vacations

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12.44.050. - Petition by owners.

The owners of an interest in real estate abutting upon or underlying public ROW may petition the city council for vacation thereof in accordance with requirements of this chapter.

A. The petitioner shall apply for a vacation by submitting the following to the city clerk:

1. A vacation petition with supporting affidavits on forms provided by the city.
2. A diagram of the location and a survey of the subject property and immediate area of the proposed vacation including the abutting and/or underlying properties, all prepared by a licensed surveyor registered in the State of Washington.
3. A legal description of the subject property prepared by a licensed surveyor registered in the State of Washington.
4. For each abutting and underlying property and petitioner, a title report indicating the extent and type of ownership and providing a legal description of the petitioner's property.
5. The vacation fees and deposits as established by this chapter and city ordinance.
6. Any additional information or material the city determines is reasonably necessary for the city council to understand, consider and evaluate the requested vacation.

B. The petition shall be filed with the city clerk and shall be signed by owners of more than two-thirds of the property abutting the subject property (based on front footage) or underlying the subject property (based on square footage).

C. The city clerk shall determine the petition's compliance with this chapter. For the purpose of determining the sufficiency of signatures of owners of private property on a petition or a consent to vacate determined by the city council, the following rules shall govern as applicable:

1. The signature of an owner of property shall be as set forth in the King County assessor records and confirmed by a title report.

2. In the case of a property subject to a contract of purchase, the signature of the contract grantor and grantee shall be required.

3. In the case of property ownership by corporation or similar entity, the signature of the officer authorized by the bylaws and resolution of the board of directors evidenced by an excerpt of the bylaws and copy of the resolution, each duly certified by the secretary of the corporation, and granting such authority.

4. In the case of property owned or controlled by an estate, guardian or conservator of a decedent or incompetent, the signature of the duly qualified administrator, executor or guardian accompanied by a duly certified copy of his/her judicial appointment or designation.

D. Each petitioner shall be responsible to reimburse the City for the full expenses and costs incurred by the City to process the petitioner's requested vacation, regardless of the outcome of the City's review and decision thereon or petitioner's withdrawal of the petition. In addition to any other provisions of the MMC or this chapter, the City Manager or designee shall keep account of all administrative time, costs and expenses incurred by City employees, contractors, consultants, legal counsel, appraisers, appointed officers and other individuals acting on behalf of or for the benefit of the City in the course of processing the petition. The City Manager or designee shall periodically compile such time, costs and expenses and invoice the petitioner for payment thereof, which shall be made by petitioner not more than fifteen (15) from the date of the invoice. Upon the City's final decision to grant, deny or otherwise act on the petition, the City Manager or designee shall compile a final invoice for all remaining unpaid time, costs and expenses and shall present such invoice to the petitioner for prompt payment. No vacation shall become final nor be recorded until all invoices have been paid in full by the petitioner. In the event the petitioner does not make timely payment as set forth herein, the City may suspend further review and processing of the petition.

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12.44.080. - Petition fees and costs; compensation.

A. The petition, properly signed, shall be filed with the city clerk and accompanied by payment of the application fee and the estimated appraisal cost as set forth herein, which amounts shall be paid into the general fund of the city to defray the costs and expenses incurred by the city to: appraise the subject property, determine the sufficiency of the petition, evaluate and investigate the petition, and report the facts, circumstances and conclusions concerning the petition to the city council. Fees and costs shall not be returned or refunded to the petitioners regardless of the city council's action on the petition.

B. The amount of the fees and costs due upon filing shall be as follows:

1. The minimum application fee established by the city's then current fee schedule.

2. An appraisal fee deposit of \$2,500.00, which may be adjusted by the city manager up to the amount of the MAI appraisal bid or estimate submitted to the city.

C. In the event that the application fee, and/or the appraisal deposit set forth in subsection (B) of this section is insufficient to reimburse the city for all of the city's costs and expenses incurred in relation to the petition, the balance shall be determined and paid by the petitioner in accordance with MMC 12.44.050(D).

D. In the event the vacation is granted by the city council, the petitioner shall immediately pay upon receipt of an invoice the amount required by the city council as compensation for the area being vacated as provided in MMC 12.44.180 and all amounts payable in accordance with MMC 12.44.050(D). A vacation ordinance shall not be effective until such time as the petitioner pays all sums due to the city, including all compensation due to the city for the vacation and all costs and expenses of the city in processing the petition. The city shall not record an approved vacation ordinance until such time as all such compensation, fees, costs and reimbursements are paid in full. If any portion of such amount remains unpaid for 30 days after submittal of a final invoice to the petitioner, the city council shall rescind and vacate the approved vacation ordinance.

E. In the event that the city council initiates a vacation, fees shall not be required unless council directs otherwise.

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Chapter 16.12 – Definitions

16.12.090. “H” definitions.

Habitat conservation areas means areas designated as fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.

Hardscape means any inorganic decorative landscape materials, including but not limited to stones, boulders, cobbles, pavers, decorative concrete incorporated into an overall landscape design of the grounds. This definition includes, but is not limited to, patios, walkways, steps, and other paved areas on the ground.

Hazard areas means areas designated as geologically hazardous areas due to potential for erosion, landslide, seismic activity, or other geologic condition.

Hazard tree means a tree designated by the city arborist as having a high to extreme risk using the International Society of Arborists Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) system. A hazard tree must have a likely or very likely potential to fail and a target that might sustain injury or damage. Hazard trees are created through a variety of circumstances including human influences, disease, and weather.

Hearing body means the body designated by the city council to preside over an open-record hearing or closed-record appeal.

Hearing examiner means the person appointed pursuant to MMC 2.72.020 with the powers and duties prescribed in Chapter 2.72 MMC.

Height means a vertical distance measured between two points.

Home business means an economic enterprise to make a product or perform a service, or to undertake any activity that requires a business license from the State of Washington, that is conducted or operated pursuant to MMC 16.31.010 within a single family dwelling by the resident occupant or owner thereof, which use or activity shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling, including the use of the dwelling as a business address in a directory or as a business mailing address.

Horticulture means the occupation of cultivating plants, especially flowers, fruit, and vegetables.

Hot tub means a hydro-massage pool, or tub for recreational or therapeutic use designed for immersion of users, and usually having a filter, heater, and motor-driven blower.

Household staff means individuals who spend more than 50 percent of their working time employed at the residence site and in no event work less than 20 hours per week, including caregivers.

Hydraulic project approval (HPA) means a permit issued by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for modifications to waters of the state in accordance with Chapter 75.20 RCW.

Hydric soil means a soil that is saturated, flooded or ponded long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part. The presence of hydric soil shall be determined following the methods described in the approved federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplements.

Hydrophytic vegetation means macrophytic plant life growing in water or on a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen as a result of excessive water content. The presence of hydrophytic vegetation shall be determined following the methods described in the approved federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplements.

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16.12.200. "S" definitions.

School means a school operation with 13 or more attendees at any one time, not including immediate family members who reside in the school or employees.

School operation means any institution of learning, excluding those offering post-secondary education, offering instruction in the several branches of learning and study required by the Basic Education Code of the State of Washington to be taught in the public, private and parochial school.

Scrub-shrub wetland means a regulated wetland with at least 30 percent of its surface area covered by woody vegetation less than 20 feet in height as the uppermost strata as measured from existing grade.

Security barrier means an obstruction, such as fences, walls, vegetation and similar elements that restricts public access.

Seismic hazard areas means areas that are subject to severe risk of damage as a result of earthquake-induced ground shaking, slope failure, settlement, soil liquefaction, lateral spreading, or surface faulting.

Sensitive areas. See "critical areas."

SEPA. See definition of "State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)."

Service area means the vicinity around a wireless communication facility that effectively receives signals from and transmits signals to the facility.

Setback means the minimum distance from the property line to where a structure may be built. (See MMC 16.22.030.)

Setback area means the area of a lot or building site between the property line and the limits set by [the Medina Municipal Code](#) within which no structure may intrude unless allowed otherwise by law.

Shorelands or shoreland areas means those lands extending landward for 200 feet in all directions as measured on a horizontal plane from the ordinary high water mark or floodways and contiguous floodplain areas landward 200 feet from such floodways; and all wetlands and river deltas associated with the streams, lakes and tidal waters which are subject to the provisions of the Washington State Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the City of Medina shoreline master program, Chapters 16.60 through 16.67 MMC.

Shorelines means all of the water areas of the state as defined in RCW 90.58.030, including reservoirs and their associated shorelands, together with the lands underlying them except:

1. Shorelines of statewide significance;
2. Shorelines on segments of streams upstream of a point where the mean annual flow is 20 cubic feet per second or less and the wetlands associated with such upstream segments; and
3. Shorelines on lakes less than 20 acres in size and wetlands associated with such small lakes.

Shorelines of statewide significance means those areas defined in RCW 90.58.030 and limited in the City of Medina to Lake Washington.

Sign means any medium visible to the public including its structure and component parts which is used or intended to be used out of doors or is visible out of doors to attract attention from a public right-of-way to a building, use, business or event; or to promote the sale of products, goods or services; using graphics, written copy, letters, numbers, figures, symbols, logos, registered trademarks, or other such symbols. Painted wall designs or patterns which do not represent a product, service, or registered trademark, and which do not identify the user, are not considered signs.

Sign, A-board means a portable sign consisting of two sign faces hinged at the top and separated at the bottom to make it self-standing.

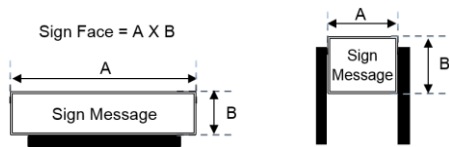
Sign area means the area of the face of the sign. When a dimensional sign contains information on two sides of the sign, only one side is counted in determining sign area, except A-board signs where the average area of the two faces shall be used to determine sign area.

Sign, banner means a sign made of lightweight fabric or similar material that is temporarily mounted to a pole or building by one or more edge. National, state or municipal flags, or the official flag of any institution, shall not be considered banners.

Sign face means the surface upon, against or through which the letters, numerals, figures, symbols, logos and graphic elements comprising the content or message of a sign is displayed or illustrated, not including the sign support structure, or architectural features of a building.

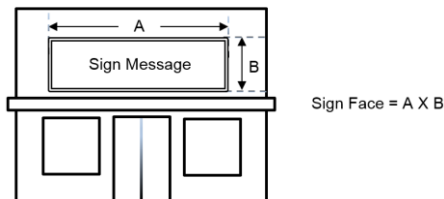
1. In the case of freestanding signs, the sign face shall include the entire area of the sign panel, cabinet or face substrate including borders upon which the sign message is displayed or illustrated. See Figure 1.

Figure 1



2. In the case of signs displayed on or mounted to buildings or fences, the sign face shall include the area of the entire panel, cabinet or face substrate upon which the sign message is displayed including framed, painted or illuminated borders that contrast the sign from the background of the building or fence. See Figure 2.

Figure 2



3. In the case of signs consisting of individual letters and/or individual graphic elements painted or affixed to a building or structure, the sign face shall comprise the sum of the geometric figures or combination of regular geometric figures drawn using connected straight lines closest to the edge of the letters or separate graphic elements comprising the sign message. See Figure 3.

Figure 3



Sign, freestanding means a sign attached to a self-supporting structure such as column, pole, or brace placed in or upon the ground and not attached to any other structure.

Sign height means the total vertical measurement of a sign including all components of the sign and the sign's support structure.

Sign, illuminated means a sign characterized using artificial light, either projecting through its surface (internally or trans-illuminated), or reflecting off its surface (externally illuminated).

Sign, location identity means signs that identify address numbers, property owners, and/or geographic areas such as neighborhoods and subdivisions.

Sign, mounted means a sign that is applied or affixed to a building, wall or fence.

Sign, municipal means a sign erected by the City of Medina, or its authorized representatives, for the safety, convenience or information of its citizens, including, but not limited to, traffic control signs, legal notices, city entrance signs, and signs announcing public and community events, meetings, and activities.

Sign, off-site means any sign that advertises or relates to an event, activity, use, good, product, or service that is not available on the premises upon which the sign is erected.

Sign, on-site means any sign that advertises or relates to an event, activity, use, good, product, or service that is lawfully permitted to be offered, sold, traded, provided, or conducted at the location or premises upon which the sign is erected.

Sign, permanent means any sign which is affixed to the ground or to any permanent structure or building, including walls, awnings and fences, in such a manner that it cannot be moved or transported with ease, and which is intended to remain in one location and position for an extended period of time.

Sign support structure means any structure designed specifically for the support of a sign and which does not form part of the sign proper or of the display.

Sign, temporary means a sign which is not permanently affixed to the ground or any permanent structure or building, which is capable of being moved or transported with ease, and which is only intended to be used for a limited period of time.

Sign, window means a sign affixed to the surface of a window with its message intended to be visible to the exterior environment.

Significant tree means a tree of at least six-inch DBH size and of a species as identified on the "City of Medina List of Suitable Tree Species" as set forth in Chapter 16.52 MMC.

Single-family dwelling means a dwelling unit which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one family and may include family guests and/or household staff. The owner of the single-family dwelling may provide lodging to persons who are not guests and who are not part of a family provided the total number of persons, including nonfamily persons living in the dwelling, does not exceed three, excluding children with familial status within the meaning of Title 42 United States Code, Section 3602(k). The limitation on the number of nonfamily persons living in the dwelling shall not apply to adult family homes, family day-care providers' home facilities as prescribed by RCW 35A.63.215, and other living arrangements which would violate Title 42 United States Code, Section 3604.

Single-family dwelling, detached means a separate unconnected single-family dwelling surrounded by open space and yards and which contains one dwelling unit and up to one accessory dwelling unit. A detached single-family dwelling may have detached accessory buildings including, but not limited to, garages, accessory recreational facilities, cabanas and similar residential accessories having no more than one room plus a bathroom and otherwise not designed as an independent residence.

Single Housekeeping Unit, means one or more person who jointly have common access to and common use of all living, kitchen, and eating areas within the dwelling unit and household activities and responsibilities such as meals, chores, expenses and maintenance of the premises are shared or carried out according to a household plan or other customary method.

Soil survey means the most recent soil survey for the local area or county by the National Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Spa. See definition under "hot tub."

Species means any group of animals classified as a species or subspecies as commonly accepted by the scientific community.

Species, endangered means any fish or wildlife species or subspecies that is threatened with extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range and is listed by the state or federal government as an endangered species.

Species of local importance means those species of local concern due to their population status or their sensitivity to habitat manipulation, or that are game species.

Species, priority means any fish or wildlife species requiring protective measures and/or management guidelines to ensure their persistence as genetically viable population levels as classified by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, including endangered, threatened, sensitive, candidate and monitor species, and those of recreational, commercial, or tribal importance.

Species, threatened means any fish or wildlife species or subspecies that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout a significant portion of its range without cooperative management or removal of threats, and is listed by the state or federal government as a threatened species.

Sport court means an area of ground defined by permanent surfacing, equipment and/or fencing for the purpose of playing tennis, badminton, basketball and similar social games.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) means environmental review procedures required under Chapter 43.21C RCW, Chapter 197-11 WAC, and Chapter 16.04 MMC.

Steep slope means any area with a slope of 40 percent or steeper and with a vertical relief of ten or more feet except areas composed of consolidated rock. A slope is delineated by establishing its toe and top and measured by averaging the inclination over at least ten feet of vertical relief.

Story means that portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above, except that the topmost story shall be that portion of a building included between the upper surface of the topmost floor and the ceiling or roof.

Stream means a course or route, formed by nature or modified by humans and generally consisting of a channel with a bed, banks, or sides throughout substantially all its length, along which surface waters, with some regularity (annually in the rainy season), naturally and normally flow in draining from higher to lower lands. This definition does not include specially designed irrigation and drainage ditches, grass-lined swales, canals, stormwater runoff devices, or other courses unless they are used by salmonids or to convey watercourses that were naturally occurring prior to construction.

Street means a right-of-way, opened or unopened, that is intended for motor vehicle travel or for motor vehicle access to abutting property. "Street" includes all the area within the right-of-way, such as roadways, parking strips, and sidewalks. For the purposes of the zoning code, "street" shall not include private lanes.

Street frontage means the property line abutting streets.

Structural coverage means the area of a lot covered by structures. (See MMC 16.23.030.)

Structure means that which is erected, built or constructed, including an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.

Subdivision means the division or redivision of land into five or more lots, tracts, parcels, sites, or divisions for the purpose of sale, lease, or transfer of ownership.

Subdivision, accumulative short means multiple short subdivisions of contiguous existing lots held under common ownership, which would result in the creation of five or more lots within a five-year period of the initial short subdivision approval. "Ownership" for the purpose of this definition means ownership as established at the date of the initial short subdivision approval.

Subdivision, short means the division or redivision of land into four or fewer lots, tracts, parcels, sites, or divisions for the purpose of sale, lease, or transfer of ownership.

Substantial destruction means damage of any origin that is voluntarily or involuntarily sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 60 percent of the fair market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantially means significant in the size or amount and has a noticeable impact on the current situation to a degree that would satisfy a reasonable person as significant.

Support structures means the structure to which signs or antennas and other necessary associated hardware are mounted, including, but not limited to, lattice towers, monopoles, utility support structures, and existing nonresidential buildings.

Swimming pool means any artificially constructed water-holding device that has a minimum depth of 42 inches and is of sufficient size for swimming, wading, immersion, or therapeutic purposes.

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Chapter 16.22 – Lot Development Standards

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16.22.040. Protrusions into setback areas.

The following structures may be located within a setback area, except setbacks from Lake Washington, which are subject to Chapter 16.63 MMC:

- A. Utilities which are located underground and accessory to a principal use, except the requirement for undergrounding is not required if the limitation in MMC 16.50.090(I)(6) applies.
- B. Walkways, stairs and steps, and driveways, not including parking spaces, which do not exceed 30 inches above the existing or finished grade, whichever grade is lower.
- C. Uncovered decks and patios, provided:
 1. No part of the structure exceeds 30 inches in height above the existing or finished grade, whichever grade is lower; and
 2. The following setbacks are maintained:
 - a. A minimum 15-foot setback is maintained from the front property line;
 - b. A minimum 10-foot setback is maintained from the rear property line; and
 - c. A minimum side-yard setback equal to one-half the required distance pursuant to Table 16.22.030.
- D. Window wells that do not project more than six inches above the ground level and do not protrude more than four feet into the setback area.
- E. Fences and freestanding walls which comply with the requirements set forth in MMC 16.30.010.
- F. Irrigation systems at or below finished grade, including yard hydrants, sprinkler heads and similar features that do not exceed 36 inches above the finished grade.

- G. Ramps and similar structures installed to a single-family dwelling to provide ADA access.
- H. Foundation footings where the footing structure does not protrude more than two feet into the setback area and is located entirely below the ground surface.;
- I. Improved surface areas for off-street parking provided:
 - 1. The protrusion is limited to the front setback area and a minimum of 15-foot setback is maintained from a front property line; and
 - 2. The parking area is designed in a manner that is clearly distinguishable from the driveway; and
 - 4. The top of the parking surface does not exceed 30 inches above the existing or finished grade, whichever is lower.;
- J. A chimney provided:
 - 1. The protrusion is limited to the side setback area and does not exceed more than two-feet into the setback area; and
 - 2. The maximum horizontal width of the chimney inside the setback area is five feet.
- K. Accessory structures and outdoor mechanical equipment provided:
 - 1. The protrusion is limited to the rear setback area and a minimum 15-foot setback from the rear property line is maintained; and
 - 2. The highest point of the accessory structure or outdoor mechanical equipment does not exceed eight feet in height above the finished grade; and
 - 3. The accessory structure or outdoor mechanical equipment does not occupy a footprint greater than 100 square feet; and
 - 4. Solid landscape screening pursuant to MMC 16.30.070 is planted that screens the structure or mechanical equipment from adjoining properties; and
 - 5. For outdoor mechanical equipment, the following shall apply:
 - a. An existing unit may be replaced with a new unit in the same location regardless of setback requirements;
 - b. For existing legally nonconforming residences that do not conform to the current side yard setback requirements, a new unit may be installed in the side yard setback provide a minimum 5-foot setback is maintained from the side property line; and
 - 6. All mechanical equipment shall meet the sound requirements set forth in Chapter 8.06 MMC.
- L. Open play structures without roofs or walls provided:
 - 1. The protrusion is limited to rear setback areas and a minimum 10-foot setback from a rear property line is maintained; and
 - 2. The maximum height of the play structure does not exceed ten feet above the finished grade; and
 - 3. The play structure does not occupy a footprint greater than 100 square feet.
- M. Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs as provided for in MMC 16.34.040.
- N. Raised planting bed boxes, which do not exceed 30 inches above the existing or finished grade, whichever grade is lower.

- O. Low impact development best management practices or treatment best management practices provided:
1. The best management practice shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with the stormwater manual adopted under MMC 13.06.020.
 2. Best management practices, including associated vegetation, shall be located entirely on private property.
 3. The maximum height of any structural element associated with the best management practice shall not exceed 30 inches above the existing or finished grade, whichever grade is lower.
 4. The best management practice shall be designed to manage or treat stormwater runoff solely from the building site and from less than 5,000 square feet of impervious surface.
 5. Examples of acceptable best management practices, as those practices are defined in Chapter 16.12 MMC, include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Rain garden;
 - b. Bioretention;
 - c. Dispersion; and
 - d. Biofiltration treatment.

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16.30.020. Signs.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to recognize that signs have a strong visual impact on the character and quality of the community. As a part of the scenery, signs attract or repel the viewing public, affect the safety of vehicular traffic, and their suitability or appropriateness helps set the tone for the neighborhood. The city recognizes the value of maintaining its high-quality residential character through the provision of appropriate and aesthetic signage. In addition, limiting the size, type and location of signs will minimize their distracting effect on drivers and thereby improve traffic safety and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- B. *Intent.* The intent of this section is to promote the public health, safety and welfare through a comprehensive system of reasonable, effective, consistent, content-neutral and nondiscriminatory sign standards and requirements. This section has also been adopted to:
1. To promote and accomplish the goals, policies and objectives of the city's comprehensive plan and zoning code; and
 2. To provide content-neutral design standards for signage; and
 3. To recognize the predominately high-quality, single-family residential setting and built-out character of the community by permitting signs that complement this character; and
 4. To establish regulations for the design, number, placement and size of exterior signs consistent with the city's high-quality residential character; and
 5. To provide business establishments the ability to identify themselves with signage consistent with the high-quality residential setting of the community; and

6. To promote public safety by controlling the amount of clutter and visual distractions caused by signs; and
 7. To establish minimum requirements for maintenance of signs.
- C. *Interpretations.* This chapter shall not be interpreted to restrict speech on the basis of its content, viewpoint, or message. Any classification of signs in this chapter which purports to permit speech by reason of the type of sign, identity of the sign user or otherwise, shall be interpreted to allow commercial or noncommercial speech on the sign. No part of this chapter shall be construed to favor commercial speech over noncommercial speech. To the extent that any provision of this chapter is ambiguous, the term shall be interpreted not to regulate speech on the basis of the content of the message.
- D. *Applicability.*
1. *Applicability.* The requirements of this section shall apply to all signs including sign structures, unless exempt under subsection (D)(2) of this section. No sign shall be installed, erected and/or displayed within the jurisdiction of the City of Medina, except as provided for in this section and MMC 16.64.070 (shoreline master program).
 2. *Exemptions.* The following signs are exempt from the requirements of this section:
 - a. Signs required by federal or state statutes or regulations that are exempt from local regulations.
 - b. Signs placed inside of buildings or within the boundaries of a lot where the sign is not visible from other properties or city rights-of-way.
 - c. Wall graphics of an artistic nature which do not conform to the definition of a sign in MMC16.12.200.
 - d. Signs associated with a community event sanctioned by the city or with a special event where a special event permit is obtained pursuant to Chapter 9.40 MMC.
 - e. Signs meeting the definition of location identity sign as set forth in MMC 16.12.200, which meet the requirements set forth in MMC 16.30.030.
 - f. Flags that are not of a commercial nature, provided no more than three flags are displayed on the lot simultaneously.;
 - g. All signs having a sign area of 100 square inches or less, provided:
 - i. The sign is not located within city rights-of-way; and
 - ii. No more than two signs qualifying for this exemption are visible from city rights-of-way or nearby properties.;
 - h. Permanent signs having a sign area greater than 100 square inches, but not exceeding 144 square inches, provided:
 - i. The purpose of the sign is to warn against trespassing consistent with the restrictions on peddlers and solicitors in Chapter 5.12 MMC;
 - ii. The sign is not located within city rights-of-way; and
 - iii. No more than three signs per property qualifying for this exemption are visible from city rights-of-way or nearby properties.;
 - i. Signs circulating traffic on private property provided:
 - i. The sign is not located within city rights-of-way;
 - ii. The sign does not exceed two square feet in sign area; and

- iii. No more than two signs qualifying for this exemption are visible from city rights-of-way or nearby properties.
 - e. Signs that communicate operational information such as, but not limited to, hours of access and open/closed signs that do not exceed two square feet in sign area.
 - f. Municipal signs pursuant to the requirements in subsection (G) of this section.
 - 4. *Prohibited location for signs.* The following locations for signs are prohibited:
 - a. Public park or public property, except as specifically allowed by the Medina Municipal Code;
 - b. Private property without the express consent of the owner thereof;
 - c. On public traffic or safety sign posts;
 - d. On utility poles or light standards without the express consent of the entity that owns or controls the utility pole;
 - e. In or on vehicles or vessels visible from public property or city rights-of-way, unless the sign meets one of the following conditions:
 - i. The sign is an integral component of the vehicle or vessel and consists of magnetic, decal or is painted onto or attached to the vehicle or vessel provided the vehicle or vessel is in operational condition, and the vehicle or vessel is not a static display;
 - ii. Signs on vehicles or vessels meeting the requirements in subsection (D)(2)(c) of this section;
 - f. Locations that are determined by the director to be a hazard to public safety due to their design, materials, physical condition, or placement.
 - 5. *Prohibited signs.* Signs which bear or contain statements, words, or pictures which are obscene under the prevailing statutes or U.S. Supreme Court decisional law are prohibited.
- E. *General sign provisions.*
- 1. *How to apply the sign code.* The principal use of the property, or the principal use of the property abutting a city right-of-way, shall control the sign standards in subsection (F) of this section. The Medina Comprehensive Plan, Table 1: Land Use Inventory identifies nonresidential uses in the city.
 - 2. *Sign permits.* A building permit is required for the following:
 - a. Erecting, installing or replacing any permanent sign;
 - b. Erecting, installing or replacing any temporary sign located within any city right-of-way having greater than four square feet in sign area;
 - c. Erecting, installing or replacing any temporary sign unless exempt pursuant to subsection (D)(2)(b) of this section;
 - c. Repairs to any sign meeting the size requirements in subsection (E)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, excluding ordinary repairs as defined by the adopted building code set forth in Chapter 16.40 MMC.
 - 3. *Maintenance requirements.*

- a. Signs, including any and all components of the structures and/or supports thereof, shall be maintained in a proper state of repair; and
 - b. The director may order abatement by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal of any sign determined to be in a poor state of repair or dangerous due to likely structural failure or faulty wiring.
4. *Illumination.*
- a. If a sign is permitted to be illuminated pursuant to Table 16.30.020(F), then the following conditions shall apply:
 - i. The illumination shall be by a steady continuous light source only.
 - ii. No strobe, flashing, moving, or animated features are permitted.
 - iii. ~~b.~~ Outdoor signs may be illuminated only by an external light source, except in the neighborhood auto servicing zone signs may be internally illuminated.
 - iv. Illumination ~~Lighting~~ must be shielded to prevent direct glare and/or light trespass into adjoining lots.;
 - v. Illumination ~~Lighting~~ shall be designed, located, installed and directed in such manner as to prevent objectionable light at, and glare across, the property lines and disability glare at any location on or off the property.
 - vi. The recommendations set forth by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES) shall be used in evaluating lighting for consistency with these criteria.
 - vii. The luminance level shall not exceed five candelas per square foot (cd/ft²);
5. *Signs in a city right-of-way.* Placement of signs within a city right-of-way shall comply with the following:
- a. Signs shall be placed a minimum distance of ten feet from the edge of pavement, except:
 - i. The director may approve placement at a distance of less than ten feet on a case-by-case basis after considering public safety factors; or
 - ii. Where the edge of pavement includes raised curbs, a sign may be placed less than ten feet from the edge of pavement provided the sign does not cause unsafe conditions for the public's use of the right-of-way;
 - b. Consent by the abutting property owner is required before placement of any sign within a city right-of-way, excluding municipal signs; and
 - c. Applicable requirements in Chapter 12.28 MMC are followed.
6. *Measuring sign height.* The height of a sign is measured from the lowest point of the existing grade beneath the sign to the highest point of the sign and sign structure.
7. *Maximum number increased.* The maximum number of temporary large yard signs as defined in MMC Table 16.30.020(F) may be increased as follows:
- a. One additional sign may be posted on the waterfront side of a lot adjoining Lake Washington or on a side facing the golf course when a lot adjoins a golf course;
 - b. If a property does not adjoin a city right-of-way, one additional temporary sign may be placed at the entrance to a public lane serving the subject property.

8. *Scenic Vista Act.* Signs that are visible from the SR 520 state highway or located within the state highway right-of-way may be subject to the Scenic Vista Act set forth in Chapter 47.42 RCW.
9. *Support structures for freestanding signs.*
 - a. The surface area of the support structure that is visible when looking perpendicular at the sign face shall not exceed 120 percent of the maximum sign area allowed for the sign.
 - b. When the surface area of a support structure is curved, the curve shall be projected onto an xy-plane to calculate the surface area.
 - c. When a sign contains information on two sides, only one side is counted in determining sign area, except A-board signs where the average area of the two surface areas shall be used to determine surface area.

Diagrams 16.30.020(E)(9) Surface Area of Support Structure

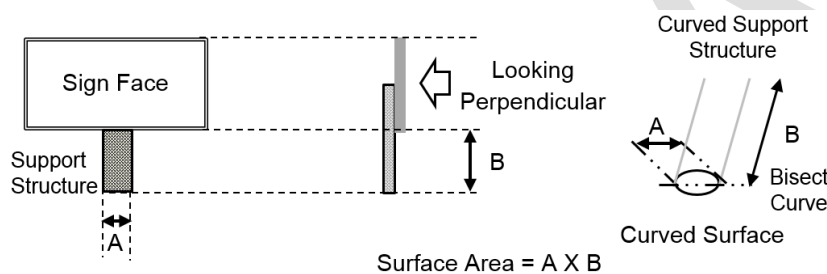
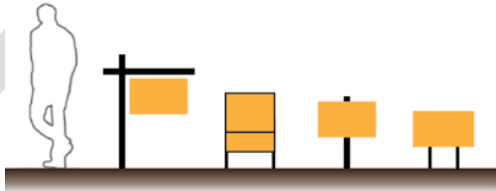
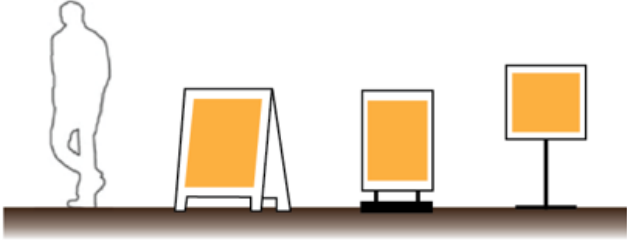
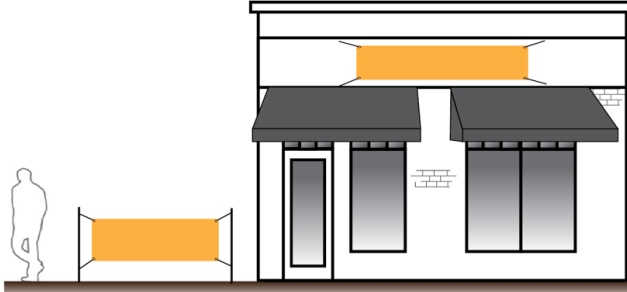

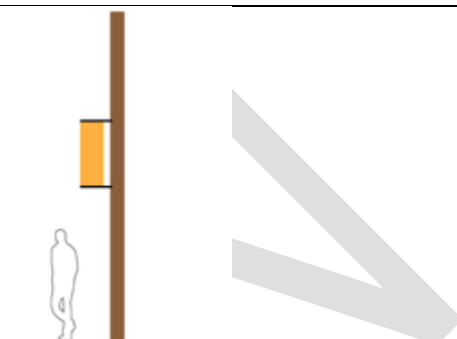



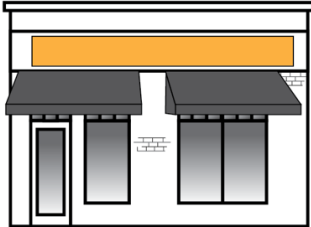
Table 16.30.020(F): Sign Types and Standards



Sign Type	Small Yard Signs	
Examples include single pole or step-stake signs		
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential Allowed	Nonresidential Allowed
Permanence	Temporary Allowed	Permanent Prohibited
Time limit	Must be removed within 24 hours of related event ending, or within 26 weeks of being erected and/or displayed, whichever period is shorter	
Illumination	Prohibited	
Maximum Sign Area	4 square feet	

Maximum Height	4 feet		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way
	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed (see MMC 16.30.020(E)(5))
Maximum Number Permitted	Signs located on City Right-of-Way		All other permitted locations
	One per 50 feet plus one for any remaining fraction thereof abutting lineal street frontage		No restriction
Installation	Manually pushed or hammered into the ground		
Sign Type	Portable Signs		
Examples include small and large A-Board and free-standing pole signs			
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential		Nonresidential
	Prohibited		Allowed
Permanence	Temporary		Permanent
	Allowed		Prohibited
Time Limit	Must be taken down during nonbusiness or event hours		
Illumination	Prohibited		
Maximum Sign Area	A-Board		8 square feet
	All Others		4 square feet
Maximum Height	4 feet		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way
	Allowed	Prohibited	Allowed adjacent to lot only (see MMC 16.30.020(E)(5))
Maximum Number Permitted	One (1) per each public street frontage to building and/or principal use adjacent to, not to exceed two (2)		
Installation	Stands free on ground, no foundation		
Sign Type	Banner Signs		
Examples include ground, and wall mounted signs			
	Residential		Nonresidential

Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Allowed		Allowed
Permanence	Temporary		Permanent
	Allowed		Allowed
Time Limit	Temporary		Permanent
	Must be removed within 24 hours of related event ending, or within 26 weeks after being erected and/or displayed, whichever period is shorter		Must be removed within 30 days after abandonment
Illumination	Prohibited		
Maximum Sign Area	15 square feet		
Maximum Height	Ground Banner		Mounted Banner
	4 feet		Not to exceed the height of the building, wall, or fence to which it is attached
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way
	Allowed	Temporary Allowed	Prohibited
		Permanent Prohibited	
Maximum Number Permitted	One (1) banner sign exceeding 4 square feet in sign area		
Installation	Ground Banner		Mounted Banner
	Manually pushed or hammered into the ground		Attached securely to a building, wall, or fence
Sign Type	Large Yard Signs		
Examples include half sheet, and quarter sheet signs			
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential		Nonresidential
	Allowed		Allowed
Permanence	Temporary		Permanent
	Allowed		Prohibited
Time Limit	Must be removed within 24 hours or the next business day, whichever time is longer, after the completion of the project, close of property sale, or conclusion of the event		
Illumination	Prohibited		
Maximum Sign Area	5 square feet		
Maximum Height	6 feet		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way

	Allowed	Prohibited, except as allowed in MMC 16.30.020(E)(7)	Allowed adjacent to lot only
Maximum Number Permitted	One (1) per lot, except as provided in MMC 16.30.020(E)(7)		
Installation	Permanent foundation prohibited; manually pushed or hammered into the ground		
Sign Type	Pole Banner		
Examples include banners attached to utility poles			
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential	Nonresidential	
	Allowed (see MMC 16.30.020(D)(4)(d))	Allowed (see MMC 16.30.020(D)(4)(d))	
Category	Temporary	Allowed	
	Permanent	Prohibited	
Time Limit	Must be removed within 24 hours of related event ending, or within 26 weeks after being erected and/or displayed, whichever period is shorter		
Illumination	Prohibited		
Maximum Sign Area	4 square feet		
Maximum Height	Not to exceed the height of the pole to which it is attached. Must have 8 feet clearance under banner.		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way
	Allowed	Prohibited	Allowed (see MMC 16.30.020(E)(5))
Maximum Number Permitted	One (1) per pole		
Installation	Attached to utility support structures		
Sign Type	Freestanding Signs		
Examples include monument and pylon			
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential	Nonresidential	
	Allowed ¹	Allowed	
Category	Temporary	Permanent	

	Prohibited		Allowed
Time Limit	Must be removed within 30 days after abandonment		
Illumination	Permitted (see MMC 16.30.020(E)(4))		
Maximum Sign Area	24 square feet per sign		
Maximum Height	4 feet		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way
	Allowed	Prohibited	Prohibited
Maximum Number Permitted	One (1) per each public street frontage the building and/or principal use is adjacent to but not to exceed two (2)		
Installation	Permanent foundation		
Sign Type	Wall Signs		
Examples include a sign painted directly to a wall, attached to, or erected against a wall of a building or structure with the exposed face of the sign parallel to the plane of such wall			
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential	Nonresidential	
	Prohibited	Allowed	
Category	Temporary	Permanent	
	Allowed	Allowed	
Time Limit	Temporary	Permanent	
	Must be removed within 24 hours or the next business day, whichever time is longer, after the completion of the project, close of property sale, or conclusion of the event	Must be removed within 30 days after abandonment	
Illumination	Permitted (see MMC 16.30.020(E)(4))		
Maximum Sign Area	24 square feet per sign		
Maximum Height	Not to exceed the height of the building		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way
	Allowed	Prohibited	Prohibited
Maximum Number Permitted	One (1) per each public street frontage the building and/or principal use is adjacent to but not to exceed two (2)		
Installation	Mounted directly to building		
Sign Type	Awning Sign		

Examples include a sign either attached to, affixed to, or painted on an awning, marquee, or canopy			
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential		Nonresidential
	Prohibited		Allowed
Category	Temporary		Permanent
	Prohibited		Allowed
Time Limitation	Must be removed within 30 days of abandonment		
Illumination	Permitted (see MMC 16.30.020(E)(4))		
Maximum Sign Area	24 square feet		
Maximum Height	Not to exceed the height of the building		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way
	Allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
Maximum Number Permitted	One (1) per awning		
Installation	Directly onto awning attached to a building		
Sign Type	Window Sign		
Examples include a painted, etched, or vinyl sign placed directly onto a window			
Principle Use of Property or Property Adjacent to City Right-of-Way	Residential		Nonresidential
	Prohibited		Allowed
Category	Temporary		Permanent
	Allowed		Allowed
Time Limit	Temporary		Permanent
	Must be removed within 24 hours of related event ending, or within 26 weeks after being erected and/or displayed, whichever period is shorter		Must be removed within 30 days of abandonment
Illumination	Prohibited		
Maximum Sign Area	No more than 40 percent of the transparent surface area of the window		
Maximum Height	Limited to height of window		
Placement	On-Site	Off-Site	City Right-of-Way

	Allowed	Not applicable	Not applicable
Maximum Number Permitted	Temporary	Permanent	
	One (1) sign that does not cover more than 40 percent of the transparent surface of the window(s)	In Lieu of a mounted or freestanding sign, one (1) permanent sign provided it does not cover more than 40 percent of the transparent surface of the window(s)	
Installation	Directly onto window glass		
Notes:			
1 Permanent free standing signs are allowed for residential uses provided they meet the location identity standards in MMC 16.30.030			

G. *Municipal signs.*

1. The requirements for permits for permanent signs set forth in subsection (E)(2) of this section shall apply to municipal signs, excluding traffic control signs.
2. Nothing else in this section shall restrict the erecting or posting of signs by the city, or its authorized representatives, for the safety, convenience or information of its citizens.

H. *Nonconforming signs.*

1. All permanent signs that do not conform to the specific standards of the Medina Municipal Code that were erected in conformance with a valid permit or were erected in conformance with then applicable ordinances and regulations shall be considered legally nonconforming signs.
2. Nonconforming rights are not granted to temporary signs or signs that were in violation of previous versions of the Medina sign code.
3. Legally nonconforming signs may continue unless:
 - a. The sign is abandoned; or
 - b. The sign is changed as to the location, shape, or dimensions; or
- c. The sign is not kept in good repair consistent with the maintenance requirements imposed by this section. In such cases, the sign as changed or repaired must comply with all applicable provisions of this section.

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Chapter 16.34 – Accessory Uses

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16.34.020. Accessory dwelling units.

This section establishes the development criteria that apply to accessory dwelling units.

- A. Accessory dwelling units meeting the requirements of this section are excluded from density and minimum lot area requirements.
- B. Accessory dwelling units shall be fully contained within and attached to a single-family dwelling, or must be located within a detached accessory building.
- C. Only one accessory dwelling unit may be permitted on a lot per each single-family dwelling located on the same lot.
- D. Development standards.
 - 1. The accessory dwelling unit shall comply with the development standards of the zoning where the accessory dwelling unit is located;
 - 2. The accessory dwelling unit shall contain no more than the lesser of 1,000 square feet of gross floor area, or 40 percent of the total square footage of the gross floor area of the single-family dwelling and accessory dwelling unit combined;
 - 3. All of the structures on the property shall have the appearance of a single-family dwelling and any other permitted accessory structures;
 - 4. The entry door to the accessory dwelling unit shall be screened from the street by portions of the structure or by dense evergreen vegetation;
 - 5. There shall be no sign or other indication of the accessory dwelling unit's existence other than an address sign and a separate mail box; and
 - 6. A certification by City of Bellevue utilities is required indicating that water supply and sanitary sewage are available to adequately serve the accessory dwelling unit.
- E. There shall be one off-street parking space provided for the accessory dwelling unit, which shall be in addition to any off-street spaces required for the principal single-family dwelling.
- F. Garage space may be converted into an accessory dwelling unit only if the number of covered garage spaces eliminated by the conversion is replaced by the same number of covered garage spaces elsewhere on the property.
- G. An accessory dwelling unit must contain:
 - 1. Bathroom facilities that include a toilet, sink and a shower or bathtub; and
 - 2. Food storage and preparation facilities and a sink.
- H. A property owner seeking to establish a legal accessory dwelling unit shall apply to register the dwelling unit with the city pursuant to MMC 16.70.070. The application shall include an agreement, in a form approved by the City, by the property owner to maintain the accessory dwelling unit in compliance with the standards set forth in this section.
- I. After the accessory dwelling unit is approved, a registration form signed by the record holders of the property shall be recorded with the King County auditor's office. Said registration form shall contain:
 - 1. The street address and legal description of the property; and
 - 2. The requirement for maintaining the accessory dwelling unit in compliance with the requirements of this section.
- J. The registration of the accessory dwelling unit may be canceled pursuant to MMC 16.70.070 by the property owner by recording a certificate of cancellation in a form satisfactory to the city with the King County department of records and elections. The

city may record a notice of cancellation upon failure to comply with the standards set forth in this section.

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16.34.040. Accessory recreational facilities.

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C. Development standards.

1. Major recreational facilities shall comply with the development requirements of the zone in which the recreational facility is located, except as provided in subsection (C)(3) of this section.
2. Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs shall have the setback measured from the property line to the outside edge of the structural rim of the vessel (see Figure 16.34.040(C)(2)).
3. Major recreational facilities may protrude into setback areas provided:
 - a. At least a 15-foot setback is maintained from each rear and front property line; and
 - b. At least a 10-foot setback is maintained from each side property line.
4. The height of a swimming pool, hot tub or spa is measured from the lowest point of original grade or finished grade, whichever grade is lower, underneath the perimeter of the facility to the highest point of the structural rim of the vessel. (See Figure 16.34.040(C)(4).)

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Chapter 16.52 – Tree Management Code

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16.52.190 – Tree Protection Measures During Development

A. Tree protection measures shall be implemented and maintained before and during all development to ensure the preservation of significant trees that are planned to be retained. Tree protection measures shall be shown on grading and drainage plans, tree protection plans, and construction mitigation plans.

B. Tree protection measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Establish tree protection zones and install protective fencing at the drip line or other barriers that are at least four feet in height, except where tree protection zones are remote from areas of land disturbance, and where approved by the director, alternative forms of tree protection may be used in lieu of tree protective fencing; provided, that the critical root zones of protected trees or stands of trees are clearly delineated and protected;
2. Limit grading levels around subject trees to not raise or lower grades within the larger of the following areas:

- a. The drip line area of the tree; or
- b. An area around the tree equal to one foot in diameter for each inch of tree diameter measured at DBH;
3. Installation of a tree well, but only where necessary and only with pre-approval of the city;
4. Designation of areas on site for parking, material and equipment storage, construction ingress and egress, and similar designated areas that do not negatively impact significant trees;
5. Locate trenches for utilities that minimize negative effects on the tree root structure with provisions for filling the trenches with a suitable growing medium in the vicinity of the trees;
6. Employ measures to protect critical root systems from smothering and compaction;
7. Implement a tree care program during construction to include watering, fertilizing, pruning and pest control; and
8. Measures for the disposal of potentially harmful items such as excess concrete, polluted water runoff, and other toxic materials.

C. The director may approve deviations to the tree protection measures set forth in subsection (B) of this section if the director determines that the deviation will provide equal or better tree protection than the required tree protection measure.

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Chapter 16.70 – Administrative Approvals

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16.70.030. Substantial development permit exemption.

- A. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit a request for a written exemption from the requirement for a substantial development permit.
- B. *Procedures.* An exemption from a substantial development permit is processed as a Type 1 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- C. *Applicability.* This section shall apply to activities defined as development pursuant to RCW 90.58.030(3)(a), and located within the shoreline jurisdiction as defined by the Shoreline Management Act, and implements the provisions set forth in WAC 173-27-040 as they currently exist or are hereafter amended.
- D. *Limitations.*
 1. Exemptions are to be construed narrowly and only development that meets the precise terms of one or more of the listed exemptions may be granted an exemption; and

2. If any part of a proposed development is not eligible for one of the listed exemptions, then an exemption shall not be granted.
- E. *Criteria for approval.*
1. The development for which the exemption is sought must meet one or more of the conditions set forth in WAC 173-27-040(2); and
 2. The development must comply with and be consistent with the Medina shoreline master program (Chapters 16.60 through 16.67 MMC), Chapter 173-27 WAC (Shoreline Management Permit and Enforcement Procedures), and Chapter 90.58 RCW (Shoreline Management Act).
- F. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach conditions as necessary to prevent undesirable effects on the shoreline area and carry out the spirit and purpose of the regulations set forth in the Medina shoreline master program and the Shoreline Management Act.

16.70.040. Administrative tree activity permit.

- A. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for an administrative tree activity permit.
- B. *Procedures.* Administrative tree activity permits are processed as a Type 1 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- C. *Applicability.* This section applies to the activities associated with removing and planting trees set forth in MMC 16.52.160(B).
- D. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve an administrative tree activity permit only if the requirements set forth in Chapter 16.52 MMC are satisfied.
- E. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to safeguard the public health, general welfare and safety.
- F. *Lapse of approval.*
1. An administrative tree activity permit shall expire after 18 months from the later date of the decision being issued or an appeal becoming final;
 2. Expiration of the administrative tree activity permit is automatic and notice is not required; and
 3. No extension of the time period for the permit is allowed.

16.70.050. Temporary use permit.

- A. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for a temporary use permit.
- B. *Procedures.* Temporary use permits are processed as a Type 1 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- C. *Applicability.* This section shall apply to those uses authorized as temporary uses pursuant to Chapter 16.35 MMC.
- D. *Limitations.* Only one temporary use permit may be granted within a five-year time period from the date the original temporary use permit is issued, except a second temporary use permit may be granted if:

1. For temporary public facilities:
 - a. In the opinion of the director, a significantly different public facility will occupy the use of the property;
 - b. The second temporary use permit is consistent with the requirements set forth in this chapter; and
 - c. No additional temporary use permit is approved for at least five years following approval of the second temporary use permit.
 2. For temporary wireless communication facilities:
 - a. A complete nonadministrative special use permit application has been submitted to the city;
 - b. The extension of time, at the discretion of the director, is necessary to allow for the processing of permits and construction of facilities; and
 - c. No additional temporary use permit is approved for at least five years following approval of the second temporary use permit.
- E. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve a temporary use permit only when the following criteria are satisfied:
1. The temporary use will not materially be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or injurious to property or improvements in the immediate vicinity;
 2. For a temporary public facility, there is adequate parking within a sufficient proximity to the site for employees, city vehicles and customers;
 3. Except in the case of emergencies, the temporary use will not cause noise, light or glare which adversely impacts surrounding uses; and
 4. The temporary use shall comply with all codes applicable to development, such as zoning and building codes, except as otherwise provided for in MMC 16.35.040 and 16.35.050.
- F. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to safeguard the public health, general welfare and safety.

16.70.060. Accessory dwelling unit registration.

- A. *Applicability.* Any owner installing an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) pursuant to MMC 16.34.020 shall apply for an accessory dwelling unit registration.
- B. *Review procedures.* Approval of an accessory dwelling unit is processed as a Type 1 decision pursuant to the requirements set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- C. *Approval criteria.* The decision authority may approve an ADU only when the following criteria are met:
 1. The ADU meets the requirements set forth in MMC 16.34.020; and
 2. The property owner agrees to maintain the ADU in compliance with the requirements in MMC 16.34.020.
- D. *Written agreement.*
 1. Before a certificate of occupancy is issued for the ADU, the property owner shall complete, sign, have notarized, and record an ADU registration form.

2. The contents of the ADU registration form shall include the following:
 - a. The street address and legal description of the property where the accessory dwelling unit is located;
 - b. The written agreement to maintain the ADU as prescribed in subsection (C)(2) of this section; and
 - c. Any other relevant information determined necessary by the decision authority.
3. The property owner shall record the ADU registration with King County recorder's office. A copy of the recorded document and recording number shall be provided to the city.
4. The ADU registration may be cancelled under the following conditions:
 - a. The property owner may cancel the ADU registration if:
 - i. The ADU is permanently removed from the property; or
 - ii. The property owner provides to the city evidence that the use has been removed and obtains approval from the city to cancel the ADU registration; and
 - iii. The property owner records a certificate of cancellation with King County recorder's office and provides a copy of the recorded certificate of cancellation to the city.
 - b. The city may cancel the ADU registration if the property owner fails to comply with the general requirements in MMC 16.34.020. Cancellation of the ADU registration shall be in accordance with the following procedures:
 - i. The city provides a notice of cancellation to the property owner who shall have a right to appeal the decision to cancel pursuant to MMC 16.80.220 for a Type 1 decision;
 - ii. Once a decision to cancel becomes final, the city shall record a certificate of cancellation with King County recorder's office;
 - iii. A copy of the recorded certificate of cancellation shall be provided to the property owner after which the use as an accessory dwelling unit shall cease.
- E. *Lapse of approval.* Approval of an accessory dwelling unit shall expire if the building permit for the accessory dwelling unit expires and substantial construction of the accessory dwelling unit has not started. Approval of an accessory dwelling unit shall also expire if the use is abandoned during its existence, or if a certificate of cancellation is recorded.

16.70.070. Grading and drainage permit.

- A. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for a grading and drainage permit.
- B. *Procedures.* Grading and drainage permits are processed as a Type 1 decision, unless a SEPA threshold determination is required in which case the application is processed as a Type 2 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- C. *Applicability.* This section applies to all permits required under Chapter 16.43 MMC.
- D. *Criteria for approval.* The codes and standards referenced in Chapter 16.43 MMC and other applicable ordinances and regulations, as they currently exist or are hereafter amended, set forth the criteria for approving grading and drainage permits.

- E. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach such conditions as reasonably necessary to safeguard the public health, general welfare, and safety.
- F. *Lapse of approval.* Grading and drainage permits shall expire as prescribed for building permits in Chapter 16.40 MMC.

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Chapter 16.71 – Administrative Discretionary Approvals

16.71.010. Minor deviation.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of a minor deviation is:
 - 1. To allow for minor departures from numeric development standards for remodeling projects; and
 - 2. To allow flexibility in design while preserving nonconforming conditions with respect to setback requirements and maximum building heights.
- B. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for a minor deviation.
- C. *Procedures.* Minor deviations are processed as a Type 2 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- D. *Applicability.* A minor deviation may be approved for the following:
 - 1. Departures by five percent or less from any numeric development standard provided:
 - a. If the numeric development standard is expressed as a percentage, the five percent is calculated as the numeric percentage multiplied by 1.05; and
 - b. Requests for departures may include qualifying conditions such as structural coverage bonuses and height bonuses.
 - 2. Departures from building height and zoning setback standards to allow a building addition to match an existing nonconforming building height or setback that was legally established provided:
 - a. Matching a nonconforming building height means a building addition extending above the maximum zoning height applicable to the building, but the highest point of the addition does not exceed the highest point of the roof of the existing building; or
 - b. Matching a nonconforming zoning setback means a building addition extending into the setback area, but the addition does not extend closer to the property line than the closest point of the existing building, excluding gutters; and
 - c. The total above-ground bulk of the building located within the nonconforming height or setback envelope does not occupy more than 60 percent of the maximum possible above-ground bulk that could otherwise be built within the nonconforming building height or setback envelope with approval of a minor deviation.
- E. *Limitations.* A minor deviation shall not be approved for the following:
 - 1. Where the structures experiences substantial destruction as defined by MMC 16.12.200.
 - 2. Where the request is to obtain final approval of a structure that compliance with the numeric development standard was represented in the building permit application, but subsequent construction is noncompliant; or

3. Where the project consists of a building alteration or improvement that was completed at any time within the previous five years.
- F. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve a minor deviation only if the following criteria are satisfied:
1. The minor deviation does not constitute a granting of special privilege inconsistent with the limitation upon uses of other properties in the vicinity and zone in which the subject property is located; and
 2. The granting of such minor deviation will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity and zone in which the subject property is situated; and
 3. The proposed development will not substantially reduce the amount of privacy enjoyed by adjoining property owners than if the development was built as specified by the zoning code; and
 4. For departures set forth in subsection (D)(1) of this section, the minor deviation is necessary, because of special circumstances relating to the size, shape, topography, location or surroundings of the subject property, to provide it with use rights and privileges permitted to other properties in the vicinity and in the zone in which the subject property is located.
- G. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to safeguard the public health, general welfare and safety.
- H. *Lapse of approval.*
1. An approved minor deviation shall expire after one year from the later date of the decision being issued or an appeal becoming final unless a complete building permit application is submitted; and
 2. Expiration of the minor deviation is automatic and notice is not required; and
 3. The director may grant a single six-month extension if the applicant makes such a request in writing prior to the expiration date and can show good cause for granting the extension

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16.71.040. Administrative right-of-way tree activity permit.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of an administrative right-of-way tree activity permit is to authorize removal or pruning of trees and vegetative cover in the right-of-way consistent with Chapter 16.52 MMC.
- B. *Applicant.* Only owners enumerated in MMC 16.52.160(C) may submit an application for an administrative right-of-way tree activity permit.
- C. *Procedures.* Administrative right-of-way tree activity permits are processed as a Type 2 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- D. *Applicability.* This section shall apply to the pruning and removal of trees as set forth in MMC 16.52.160(C).
- E. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve an administrative right-of-way tree activity permit only if the following criteria are satisfied:

1. The proposal is compatible with Chapter 3, Community Design Element, of the comprehensive plan;
 2. The proposal is consistent with the public interest in maintaining an attractive and safe environment;
 3. The tree trimming, pruning or removal will have no materially detrimental effects on nearby properties;
 4. Removal of the city tree is permitted pursuant to MMC 16.52.190(D);
 5. Tree mitigation is provided in accordance with MMC 16.52.190(E) for removed trees;
 6. Tree trimming or pruning is done in accordance with the following:
 - a. The trimming or pruning does not exceed 25 percent of the canopy of the tree in the area, unless supported by ANSI Standard A300;
 - b. The trimming or pruning does not adversely affect adjoining and nearby properties regarding erosion control, noise control, shade, or other existing landscaping within the unimproved areas of the right-of-way; and
 - c. The trimming or pruning complies with ANSI Standard A300 and does not cause unnecessary mutilation or damage to the tree;
 7. All other requirements set forth in MMC 16.52.190 are satisfied.
- F. *Reasonable conditions.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to safeguard the public health, general welfare and safety.
- G. *Lapse of approval.*
1. An administrative right-of-way tree activity permit shall expire after 18 months from the later date of the decision being issued or an appeal becoming final;
 2. Expiration of the administrative right-of-way tree activity permit is automatic and notice is not required; and
 3. No extension of the time period for the permit is allowed.

16.71.050. Administrative substantial development permit.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of an administrative substantial development permit is to regulate developments and uses of water bodies and associated upland areas to protect human health and the natural environment, but by the scope of the development warrant a less cumbersome approval process.
- B. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for an administrative substantial development permit.
- C. *Procedures.* Administrative substantial development permits are processed as a Type 2 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- D. *Applicability.* This section shall apply to activities within the meaning of the term "development" as defined in RCW 90.58.030(3)(a), and located within the shoreline jurisdiction as defined by the Shoreline Management Act, provided:
 1. The development is not exempt from a substantial development permit pursuant to WAC 173-27-040 as it currently exists or is hereafter amended; and

2. The development does not include any dredging waterward of the ordinary high water mark; and
 3. The development does not include grading activity involving more than 500 cubic yards of material within the shoreline jurisdiction, excluding fill material used specifically for fish and wildlife habitat restoration; and
 4. The total cost or fair-market value of the entire proposed development does not exceed \$50,000.00 provided:
 - a. The calculation for total cost or fair-market value shall include all costs, excluding permit fees and taxes, associated with development on the property during a period beginning from the date an application for the administrative substantial development permit is submitted and ending 18 months after the date all permits issued by the city for the property are finalized; and
 - b. Development may not be divided into phases for the purpose of avoiding a higher designation of decision type, except as provided in subsection (D)(4)(a) of this section.
- E. *Additional submittal requirements.* In addition to the requirements set forth in MMC 16.80.080, the applicant shall provide the following with an administrative substantial development permit:
1. A site plan containing the following:
 - a. A general description of the proposed project that includes the proposed use or uses and the activities necessary to accomplish the project;
 - b. Identification of the shoreline water body;
 - c. A general description of the property as it now exists, including physical characteristics and improvements and structures;
 - d. A general description of the vicinity of the proposed project, including identification of adjacent uses, structures and improvements, intensity of development and physical characteristics;
 - e. Identification of the ordinary high water mark:
 - i. This may be an approximate location; provided, that for any development where a determination of consistency with the applicable regulations requires a precise location of the ordinary high water mark, the mark shall be located precisely and the biological and hydrological basis for the location as indicated on the plans shall be included in the development plan;
 - ii. Where the ordinary high water mark is neither adjacent to nor within the boundary of the project, the site plan shall indicate the distance and direction to the nearest ordinary high water mark of a shoreline;
 - f. Existing and proposed land contours with minimum two-foot elevation intervals;
 - g. A general description of the character of vegetation found on the site;
 - h. The dimensions and locations of all existing and proposed structures and improvements;
 2. A landscaping and/or restoration plan, as applicable;
 3. Mitigation measures, as applicable;

4. Quantity, source, and composition of all fill material that is placed on the site, whether temporary or permanent;
 5. Quantity, composition and destination of all excavated and/or dredged material; and
 6. Additional submittal information set forth in the shoreline master program for the use.
- F. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve an administrative substantial development permit only if the following criteria are satisfied:
1. The proposed development is consistent with the policy and provisions of the State Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (Chapter 90.58 RCW);
 2. The proposed development is consistent with the State Shoreline Management Permit and Enforcement Procedures (Chapter 173-27 WAC); and
 3. The proposed development is consistent with the requirements of the Medina shoreline master program.
- G. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to prevent undesirable effects of the proposed development and to assure consistency of the development with the Shoreline Management Act and the Medina shoreline master program.
- H. *Revisions to permit.* Revisions to an administrative substantial development permit shall be consistent with WAC 173-27-100 as it currently exists or is hereafter amended.
- I. *Lapse of approval.* Administrative substantial development permit shall expire as set forth in WAC 173-27-090 and amendments thereto.

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16.72.080. Nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permit.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of a nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permit is to authorize removal or pruning of trees and vegetative cover in the right-of-way consistent with Chapter 16.52.
- B. *Applicant.* Any owner, or any public or private agencies with authority to operate within the city right-of-way or their authorized agents who have written authorization to act on their behalf, may submit an application for a nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permit.
- C. *Procedures.* Nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permits are processed as a Type 3 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- D. *Applicability.* This section shall apply to the pruning and removal of trees in the right-of-way as set forth in MMC 16.52.160(D).
- E. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve a nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permit only if the following criteria are satisfied:
 1. The proposal is compatible with Chapter 3, Community Design Element, of the comprehensive plan;

2. The proposal is consistent with the public interest in maintaining an attractive and safe environment;
 3. The tree trimming, pruning or removal will have no materially detrimental effects on nearby properties;
 4. Removal of a city tree is permitted pursuant to MMC 16.52.190(D);
 5. Tree mitigation is provided in accordance with MMC 16.52.190(E) for removed trees;
 6. Tree trimming or pruning is done in accordance with the following:
 - a. The trimming or pruning does not exceed 25 percent of the canopy of the tree in the area, unless supported by ANSI Standard A300;
 - b. The trimming or pruning does not adversely affect adjoining and nearby properties regarding erosion control, noise control, shade, or other existing landscaping within the unimproved areas of the right-of-way; and
 - c. The trimming or pruning complies with ANSI Standard A300 and does not cause unnecessary mutilation or damage to the tree.
 7. All other requirements set forth in MMC 16.52.190 are satisfied.
- F. *Reasonable conditions.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to safeguard the public health, general welfare and safety.
- G. *Lapse of approval.*
1. A nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permit shall expire within 18 months from the later date of the decision being issued or an appeal becoming final;
 2. Expiration of the nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permit is automatic and notice is not required; and
 3. No extension of the time period for the permit is allowed.

16.72.090. Nonadministrative tree activity permit.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of a nonadministrative tree activity permit is to authorize removal of a Landmark Tree with a DBH of 50 inches or greater as set forth in MMC 16.52.160(E).
- B. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for a nonadministrative tree removal permit.
- C. *Procedures.* Nonadministrative tree removal permits are processed as a Type 3 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- D. *Applicability.* This section shall apply to removal of trees as set forth in MMC 16.52.160(D), excluding trees rated as hazard pursuant to MMC 16.52.120.
- E. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve a nonadministrative tree activity permit only if the following criteria are satisfied:
 1. The proposal is compatible with Chapter 3, Community Design Element, of the comprehensive plan;
 2. The proposal is consistent with the public interest in maintaining an attractive and safe environment;
 3. The tree removal will have no materially detrimental effects on nearby properties;
 4. The tree has not been granted special protection pursuant to MMC 16.52.080;

5. All requirements set forth in Chapter 16.52 MMC are satisfied;
 6. All other ordinances, regulations and policies applicable to tree removal are followed.
- F. *Reasonable conditions.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to safeguard the public health, general welfare and safety.
- G. *Lapse of approval.*
1. A nonadministrative tree activity permit shall expire after 18 months from the later date of the decision being issued or an appeal becoming final;
 2. Expiration of the nonadministrative tree activity permit is automatic and notice is not required; and
 3. No extension of the time period for the permit is allowed.

16.72.100. Substantial development permit.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of a substantial development permit is to regulate development and uses of water bodies and associated upland areas consistent with the Medina shoreline master program.
- B. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for a substantial development permit.
- C. *Procedures.* Substantial development permits are processed as a Type 3 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC.
- D. *Applicability.* This section shall apply to activities and uses defined as development pursuant to RCW 90.58.030(3)(a) and located within the shoreline jurisdiction as defined by the Shoreline Management Act, provided:
1. The development does not qualify for an exemption as set forth in MMC 16.70.040;
 2. The development does not qualify for an administrative substantial development permit as set forth in MMC 16.71.060.
- E. *Additional submittal requirements.* In addition to the requirements set forth in MMC 16.80.070, an application for a substantial development permit shall include the following:
1. A site plan containing the following:
 - a. A general description of the proposed project that includes the proposed use or uses and the activities necessary to accomplish the project;
 - b. Identification of the shoreline water body;
 - c. A general description of the property as it now exists, including physical characteristics and improvements and structures;
 - d. A general description of the vicinity of the proposed project, including identification of adjacent uses, structures and improvements, intensity of development and physical characteristics;
 - e. Identification of the ordinary high water mark:
 - i. This may be an approximate location; provided, that for any development where a determination of consistency with the applicable regulations requires a precise location of the ordinary high water mark, the mark shall be located precisely and

- the biological and hydrological basis for the location as indicated on the plans shall be included in the development plan;
- ii. Where the ordinary high water mark is neither adjacent to nor within the boundary of the project, the site plan shall indicate the distance and direction to the nearest ordinary high water mark of a shoreline;
 - f. Existing and proposed land contours with minimum two-foot elevation intervals;
 - g. A general description of the character of vegetation found on the site;
 - h. The dimensions and locations of all existing and proposed structures and improvements;
2. A landscaping and/or restoration plan, as applicable;
 3. Mitigation measures, as applicable;
 4. Quantity, source and composition of all fill material that is placed on the site whether temporary or permanent;
 5. Quantity, composition and destination of all excavated and/or dredged material; and
 6. Additional submittal information set forth in the Medina shoreline master program for the use.
- F. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve a substantial development permit only if the following criteria are satisfied:
1. The proposed development is consistent with the policy and provisions of the State Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (Chapter 90.58 RCW);
 2. The proposed development is consistent with the State Shoreline Management Permit and Enforcement Procedures (Chapter 173-27 WAC); and
 3. The proposed development is consistent with the provisions of the Medina shoreline master program.
- G. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach such conditions as to prevent undesirable effects of the proposed development and to assure consistency of the development with the Shoreline Management Act and the Medina shoreline master program.
- H. *Revisions to permit.* Revisions to a substantial development permit shall be consistent with WAC 173-27-100.
- I. *Lapse of approval.* Substantial development permit shall expire as set forth in WAC 173-27-090 and amendments thereto.

16.72.110. Shoreline conditional use permit.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose of a shoreline conditional use permit is to provide a system within the Medina shoreline master program which allows flexibility in the application of use regulations in a manner consistent with the policies of RCW 90.58.020.
- B. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for a shoreline conditional use permit.
- C. *Procedures.*

1. Shoreline conditional use permits are processed as a Type 3 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC; and
 2. Shoreline conditional use permits approved by the city are transmitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology pursuant to WAC 173-27-200 for Ecology's approval, approval with conditions, or denial.
- D. *Applicability.* The following may be permitted if a shoreline conditional use permit is approved:
1. Uses listed as a conditional use in the Medina shoreline master program; or
 2. Uses which are not classified or specifically prohibited in the Medina shoreline master program provided the applicant can demonstrate consistency with the requirements of this section and the requirements for conditional uses contained in the Medina shoreline master program.
- E. *Additional submittal requirements.* In addition to the requirements set forth in MMC 16.80.070, an application for a shoreline conditional use permit shall include the following:
1. The site plan shall include:
 - a. A general description of the proposed project that includes the proposed use or uses and the activities necessary to accomplish the project;
 - b. Identification of the shoreline water body;
 - c. A general description of the property as it now exists, including physical characteristics and improvements and structures;
 - d. A general description of the vicinity of the proposed project, including identification of the adjacent uses, structures and improvements, intensity of development and physical characteristics;
 - e. Identification of the ordinary high water mark:
 - i. This may be an approximate location; provided, that for any development where a determination of consistency with the applicable regulations requires a precise location of the ordinary high water mark, the mark shall be located precisely and the biological and hydrological basis for the mark's location as indicated on the plans shall be included in the development plan;
 - ii. Where the ordinary high water mark is neither adjacent to or within the boundary of the project, the plan shall indicate the distance and direction to the nearest ordinary high water mark of a shoreline;
 - f. Existing and proposed land contours with minimum two-foot elevation intervals;
 - g. A general description of the character of vegetation found on the site;
 - h. The dimensions and locations of all existing and proposed structures and improvements;
 2. A landscaping and/or restoration plan, as applicable;
 3. Mitigation measures, as applicable;
 4. Quantity, source and composition of all fill material that is placed on the site, whether temporary or permanent;
 5. Quantity, composition and destination of all excavated and/or dredged material; and

6. Additional submittal information set forth in the Medina shoreline master program for the use.
- F. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve a shoreline conditional use permit only if the following criteria are satisfied:
1. That the proposed use is consistent with the policies set forth in RCW 90.58.020 and the Medina shoreline master program;
 2. That the proposed use will not interfere with the normal public use of public shorelines;
 3. That the proposed use of the site and design of the project is compatible with other authorized uses within the area and with uses planned for the area under the comprehensive plan and Medina shoreline master program;
 4. That the proposed use will cause no significant adverse effects to the shoreline environment in which it is to be located; and
 5. That the public interest suffers no substantial detrimental effect.
- In the granting of a shoreline conditional use permit, consideration shall be given to the cumulative impact of additional requests for like actions in the area.
- G. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority and the Washington State Department of Ecology may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to prevent undesirable effects of the proposed development and to assure consistency of the development with the Shoreline Management Act and the Medina shoreline master program.
- H. *Revisions to permit.* Revisions to a shoreline conditional use permit shall be consistent with WAC 173-27-100 and amendments thereto.
- I. *Lapse of approval.* A shoreline conditional use permit shall expire as set forth in WAC 173-27-090.

16.72.120. Shoreline variance.

- A. *Purpose.* The purpose for a shoreline variance is to provide a mechanism strictly limited to granting relief where there are extraordinary circumstances relating to the physical character or configuration of property.
- B. *Applicant.* Any owner may submit an application for a shoreline variance.
- C. *Procedures.*
1. Shoreline variances are processed as a Type 3 decision pursuant to the review procedures set forth in Chapter 16.80 MMC; and
 2. Shoreline variances approved by the city are transmitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology pursuant to WAC 173-27-200 for Ecology's approval, approval with conditions, or denial.
- D. *Applicability.* Shoreline variances may be granted for relief from specific bulk dimensional or performance standards set forth in the Medina shoreline master program where the requirement of such will impose unnecessary hardships on the applicant or thwart the policies set forth in RCW 90.58.020 and the Medina shoreline master program.

- E. *Additional submittal requirements.* In addition to the requirements set forth in MMC 16.80.070, an application for a shoreline variance shall include the following:
1. The site plan shall include:
 - a. A general description of the proposed project that includes the proposed use or uses and the activities necessary to accomplish the project;
 - b. Identification of the shoreline water body;
 - c. A general description of the property as it now exists, including physical characteristics and improvements and structures;
 - d. A general description of the vicinity of the proposed project, including identification of the adjacent uses, structures and improvements, intensity of development and physical characteristics;
 - e. Identification of the ordinary high water mark:
 - i. This may be an approximate location provided that for any development where a determination of consistency with the applicable regulations requires a precise location of the ordinary high water mark, the mark shall be located precisely and the biological and hydrological basis for the mark's location as indicated on the plans shall be included in the development plan;
 - ii. Where the ordinary high water mark is neither adjacent to nor within the boundary of the project, the site plan shall indicate the distance and direction to the nearest ordinary high water mark of a shoreline;
 - f. Existing and proposed land contours with minimum two-foot elevation intervals;
 - g. A general description of the character of vegetation found on the site;
 - h. The dimensions and locations of all existing and proposed structures and improvements;
 2. A landscaping and/or restoration plan, as applicable;
 3. Mitigation measures, as applicable;
 4. Quantity, source and composition of all fill material that is placed on the site, whether temporary or permanent;
 5. Quantity, composition and destination of all excavated or dredged material; and
 6. A site plan that clearly indicates where development may occur without approval of a variance, the physical features and circumstances on the property that provide a basis for the request, and the location of adjacent structures and uses.
- F. *Criteria for approval.* The decision authority may approve a shoreline variance only if the following criteria are satisfied:
1. Where the variance is for development landward of the ordinary high water mark the following approval criteria shall apply:
 - a. That the strict application of the bulk, dimensional or performance standards set forth in the Medina shoreline master program precludes, or significantly interferes with, reasonable use of the property;
 - b. That the hardship described in subsection (F)(1)(a) of this section is specifically related to the property, and is the result of unique conditions such as irregular lot

- shape, size, or natural features and the application of the master program, and not, for example, from deed restrictions or the applicant's own actions;
- c. That the design of the project is compatible with other authorized uses within the area and with uses planned for the area under the comprehensive plan and Medina shoreline master program and will not cause adverse impacts to the shoreline environment;
 - d. That the variance will not constitute a grant of special privilege not enjoyed by the other properties in the area;
 - e. That the variance requested is the minimum necessary to afford relief; and
 - f. That the public interest will suffer no substantial detrimental effect.
2. Where the variance is for development waterward of the ordinary high water mark the following approval criteria shall apply:
 - a. That the strict application of the bulk, dimensional or performance standards set forth in the Medina shoreline master program precludes all reasonable use of the property;
 - b. That the hardship described in subsection (F)(2)(a) of this section is specifically related to the property, and is the result of unique conditions such as irregular lot shape, size, or natural features and the application of the master program, and not, for example, from deed restrictions or the applicant's own actions;
 - c. That the design of the project is compatible with other authorized uses within the area and with uses planned for the area under the comprehensive plan and Medina shoreline master program and will not cause adverse impacts to the shoreline environment;
 - d. That the variance will not constitute a grant of special privilege not enjoyed by the other properties in the area;
 - e. That the variance requested is the minimum necessary to afford relief;
 - f. That the public interest will suffer no substantial detrimental effect; and
 - g. That the public rights of navigation and use of the shorelines will not be adversely affected.
 3. In the granting of all variance permits, consideration shall be given to the cumulative impact of additional requests for like actions in the area.
- G. *Conditions of approval.* The decision authority may attach reasonable conditions as necessary to prevent undesirable effects of the proposed development and to assure consistency of the development with the Shoreline Management Act and the Medina shoreline master program.
- H. *Revisions to permit.* Revisions to a shoreline conditional use permit shall be consistent with WAC 173-27-100.
- I. *Lapse of approval.* A shoreline variance shall expire as set forth in WAC 173-27-090.

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Chapter 16.80 – Project Permit Review Procedures

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- C. Table 16.80.050(C) sets forth project permits that are categorized as Type 3 decisions with the applicable corresponding review procedures.

Table 16.80.050(C)—Type 3 Decisions

Project Permit	Decision Authority	Procedure Requirements			
		DOC	NOA	NOH	NOD
Nonadministrative special use permit	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Conditional use permit	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Historical use permit	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nonadministrative variance	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Site-specific rezone	PC/CC ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reasonable use exception	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nonadministrative right-of-way tree activity permit	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nonadministrative tree activity permit	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Site plan review	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preliminary subdivision	HE/CC ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shoreline substantial development permit	HE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shoreline variance	HE ³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shoreline conditional use permit	HE ³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes:

"DOC"—determination of completeness required pursuant to MMC 16.80.100

"NOA"—notice of application required pursuant to MMC 16.80.110

"NOH"—notice of hearing required pursuant to MMC 16.80.120

"NOD"—notice of decision required pursuant to MMC 16.80.200

"HE" means the hearing examiner has authority to make the decision

"PC" means the Medina planning commission has authority to make the decision

"CC" means the city council makes the decision

¹ The planning commission holds the open-record hearing and makes a recommendation to the city council. The city council decides the rezone at a closed-record meeting.

² Hearing examiner holds the open-record hearing and makes a recommendation to the city council. The city council decides the preliminary subdivision at a closed-record meeting.

³ If the hearing examiner's action on shoreline variances and shoreline conditional use permits is to approve the application, the approval shall be submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology for approval, approval with conditions, or denial pursuant to WAC 173-27-200.