

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING SANDPOINT CITY CODE TITLE 9, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 15, EXEMPTED SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS: The City wishes to engage private sector businesses in supporting public art, youth and adult recreation programming, and improved parks amenities; and

WHEREAS: Currently, City Code limits the installation, use and display of off premise business signage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandpoint:

ORDINANCE SECTION 1 – AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE 9-6-15

Sandpoint City Code 9-6-15, Exempted Signs, is hereby amended with an additional exemption, as follows:

The following signs shall be exempted from the provisions of this sign code, providing that they meet the requirements set forth in this section. Signs that exceed the stated area allowances shall be subject to the same permit requirements as otherwise set forth in this title.

A. All signs erected in a public right of way by a public agency controlling or directing traffic shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

B. Political signs pertaining to a specific election which must be removed within five (5) days after the election by the candidate or property owner who placed the sign.

C. Real estate signs of less than four (4) square feet of sign area located within the building setback areas not occupying any portion of the public right of way.

D. Construction signs announcing the construction of a building or project naming owners, contractors, subcontractors, lending institutions, and architects, not to exceed one sign of thirty five (35) square feet for each street frontage of the building frontage. Said sign shall be removed upon occupancy of the building for which the sign was intended.

E. Flags, either official or historical, of any state or nation.

F. Any sign inside a building, window, or on a door, except flashing, animated or rotating signs visible from outside the building. The total percentage of coverage for signs on or within windows and doors shall not exceed thirty five percent (35%).

G. Owner identification or occupant identification signs for residential structures, private warning signs and “For Sale” or “For Rent” signs, none of which may exceed two (2) square feet.

H. Murals, as defined in this chapter. All requests for murals shall be reviewed by the arts commission and the planning administrator, with their recommendation forwarded to city council for approval on consent calendar. The responsibility for review shall fall to the planning and zoning commission in the event there is no active arts commission appointed.

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I. Kiosks provided by the chamber of commerce, downtown business association and other nonprofit organizations that typically list local community events. A kiosk with space to list community events, locations of community buildings and a list of local businesses keyed to a location map may be permitted at the discretion of the planning commission. Business and property owners adjoining the parcel under consideration shall be notified of such request. Said notice shall inform such owners that they may comment on the application during a period of not less than fifteen (15) days after mailing of the notice and prior to final action on said application. Said permit approval shall be based on compliance with the following:

1. Safe and adequate vehicular and nonvehicular access to the kiosk;
2. Kiosk layout and design which reflects an intent to notify visitors and residents of community events; and
3. Use of durable materials on the kiosk.

The combined total for all signs within any one kiosk shall not be more than one hundred (100) square feet. Kiosks shall be placed within a landscaped area. Each entrance to the city shall have a designated area for these signs. Locations throughout the downtown core may also be selected for smaller kiosks (up to 50 square feet each) serving the same purposes as above. All signs advertising a specific event shall be immediately removed at the conclusion of the event unless extended in writing by the planning administrator.

J. Signs stating the name of a housing complex of ten (10) or more dwelling units, provided that the sign does not exceed twenty five (25) square feet. Freestanding signs shall be placed within a landscaped area and shall be approved by the planning administrator.

K. Signs which are exclusively intended to direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic to entrances, exits, drive-up lanes, etc., smaller than three (3) square feet, with no advertising.

L. One directory sign per entrance for multi-tenant buildings that does not exceed three (3) square feet. A larger directory sign size, with a maximum area of six (6) square feet may be allowed upon approval by the city planning and zoning commission.

M. Portable signs or banners, when used by churches, charities, and other similar nonprofit institutions or governmental entities for the purpose of announcing benefit or emergency programs occurring within the church or institution, such as weekly free meals or cold weather shelters. Such signs must adhere to the standards set forth in section 9-6-12 of this chapter and may only be in place on the same premises and on the days such programs are taking place.

N. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings, including building names and dedication dates, or works of art, so long as such features or works do not contain letters or numbers (except in case of building names and dedication dates). Signs for building names shall be in harmony with the architecture of the building and are not to exceed twelve feet (12') in letter height.

O. Public works of art that contain letters/numbers if approved by the Sandpoint arts commission.

P. Off premise signs, that may contain letters or numbers, for the purpose of sponsoring public art, parks amenities, or recreational activities/programs at City facilities.

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ORDINANCE SECTION 2 - REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY

- A. Any provision of the *Sandpoint City Code* found to be inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.
- B. Should any provision of this Ordinance be deemed unlawful or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE SECTION 3 – PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED AS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANDPOINT, IDAHO,
AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANDPOINT CITY COUNCIL ON _____, 2024.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

Attest: _____
Melissa Ward, City Clerk