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Political Signs
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ORDINANCE NO. 1790

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SUBSECTION 20C.20.230(35) OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE RELATING TO POLITICAL SIGNS IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO THE WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT'S RECENT RULING IN COLLIER V. CITY OF TACOMA.

WHEREAS, in Collier v. City of Tacoma, 121 Wn.2d 737, 854 P.2d 1046 (1993), the Washington Supreme Court recently invalidated portions of the Tacoma sign code regulating political signs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond's regulations regarding political signs are in need of revision based upon the Supreme Court's ruling, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held at least one public hearing on the revision of the City's political sign regulations and has recommended to the City Council that certain revisions be made, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation and has determined to revise the City's political sign regulations as hereinafter set forth, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Political Sign Regulations. Subsection
20C.20.230(35)(e) of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community
Development Guide is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) Political Signs.

1. On-Premises Signs. On-premises political signs located at the headquarters of a political party, candidate for public elective office, or a public issue decided by ballot are permitted. All on-premise political signs shall comply with the dimensional and locational requirements of the sign district in which located.
2. Off-Premises Signs.
 - a. Location. Permits for political signs are not required. Political signs may not be placed on private property without the permission of the property owner. In parking strips and public rights-of-way where the placement of a political sign may be fairly attributed to an neighboring property owner, permission of that owner must first be obtained prior to placement. Political signs may not be located so as to impede driver vision or represent an obstruction or hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic. On public property not part of the public right-of-way, relevant City departments may designate an area or areas for the placement of political signs in order to ensure that placement will not interfere with the intended use of that land.
 - b. Size/Spacing. Political signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in size. No political

sign may exceed six feet in height, measured from the pre-existing ground level to the top of the sign.

- c. Removal of Election Signs. Off-premises political signs shall be removed within seven (7) days of the date of the election to which the sign pertains. Failure to remove political signs within the time limit provided shall constitute a violation of this code and be punishable as such. In the event that City personnel are required to remove signs from public right-of-ways after expiration of the time limit for removal, all costs associated with such removal shall be the responsibility of the candidate or campaign organization for whom the sign was posted and shall be collected in addition to any other penalty applicable to failure to remove the sign.
- d. Public Works Projects. The Public Works Department may remove signs from public right-of-ways in order to conduct periodic maintenance activities. Signs removed for this purpose may be picked up at the City's Maintenance and Operations Center and returned to their prior location if still within the removal deadline. The Public Works Department may permanently remove political signs from public right-of-ways for the purpose of carrying out major public works projects. Political signs removed for this purpose will be held and made available for pick up at the City's Maintenance and Operations Center until

fourteen (14) days following the next occurring election.

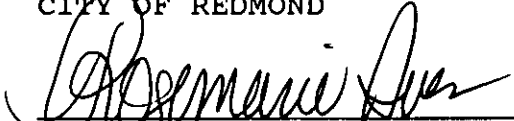
- e. Removal of Signs in Disrepair. The Public Works Department may remove any sign which is in a state of disrepair from the public right-of-way or public property at any time. For purposes of this subsection, a sign is in a state of disrepair if it is ripped, torn, broken, faded, obliterated, obscured, dilapidated, blown down, knocked over or in any other state in which its message has ceased to be readable or legible.

- f. Notification. Persons interested in locating off-premises political signs within the city shall first notify the city clerk of their intent to do so and obtain a copy of the city's political sign regulations.


Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance, being the exercise of a power specifically delegated to the legislative body, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

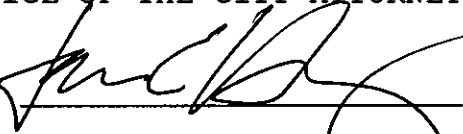
CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, DORIS SCHAIBLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

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