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ORDINANCE NO. 1503

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,  
TEMPORARILY EXEMPTING SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS FROM  
THE PROHIBITION ON PORTABLE SIGNS AND  
ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE TEMPORARY  
UTILIZATION OF THESE SIGNS PENDING PLANNING  
COMMISSION REVIEW OF THE SIGN CODE.

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WHEREAS, Section 20C.20.230(50)(c) of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide prohibits the use of sandwich board signs within the City of Redmond, and

WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed by operators of businesses within the City related to the economic impact of the prohibition upon Redmond businesses, and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on July 18, 1989, at which the City Council received public testimony attesting to an undue interference with the ability of businesses within the City to inform the public of the location and nature of their businesses through use of portable sandwich board signs and that this interference has been exacerbated by significantly increased traffic in commercial areas of the City and altered traffic patterns, and

WHEREAS, based upon such testimony, the City Council has determined that the sandwich board sign prohibition has resulted in significant economic impacts upon Redmond businesses which were not anticipated or foreseen at the time of adoption of such prohibition, and that therefore permanent revisions to the prohibition which would allow use of sandwich board signs pursuant to prescribed conditions and regulations designed to protect the public safety should be formulated and adopted, and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Director has informed the City Council that formal review of such revisions and conduct of a public hearing by the Planning Commission cannot be scheduled and completed for approximately nine months due to the backlog of already scheduled matters requiring processing by the Planning Department and consideration by the Planning Commission and, thus, formal action in compliance with the procedural

requirements established by the Community Development Guide to alter the City's sandwich board sign prohibition will be delayed for this period, and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing circumstances, the City Council has determined that an emergency exists which requires that temporary modifications to the sign regulations prohibiting use of sandwich board signs should be adopted and should remain in effect within portions of the City zoned CC and CB until the formal Planning Commission public hearing, review and recommendation process can be completed, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Findings and Conclusions. The City Council finds that the City's current sandwich board sign prohibition imposes an unanticipated severe financial impact upon businesses within Redmond. The unavoidable delay in formal adoption of permanent revisions to the sign regulations creates a need to temporarily repeal the City's current sandwich board sign prohibition and establish criteria for the temporary use of these signs within City areas zoned CC and CB until the Development Guide can be formally amended.

Section 2. Temporary Amendment. Section 20C.20.230 (50)(c) of the Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide is hereby temporarily amended by deleting sandwich board signs from the scope of the prohibition on temporary signs, subject to the following conditions:

- A. Sandwich board signs shall be signs used for advertising and shall be constructed of two boards or other flat surfaces hinged or otherwise connected at one end.
- B. Each establishment shall be permitted to display one two-sided sandwich board sign. Elevation of the sign by placing it upon any object other than ground surface, or suspending it above the ground shall not be permitted.
- C. Such sign shall be displayed only at times the advertised business is open to the public.
- D. Such sign shall be no greater than three (3) feet in height and two (2) feet in width.

- E. No portion of any such sign shall be located upon or protrude over any public sidewalk, street, walkway or any other public right-of-way unless the requirements of Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide Section 20C.20.230(50)(f) are met. Furthermore, no sign shall be located closer than three (3) feet to the right-of-way.
- F. No portion of such sign shall be located off the property on which the advertised business is located.
- G. All such signs shall comply with the design criteria set forth in Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide Section 20C.30.020(45) entitled Signs and Street Graphics. Signs not complying with this section shall be processed pursuant to Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide Section 20C.20.230(15) Review.
- H. To the extent applicable, all other requirements of Redmond Municipal Code and Community Development Guide Section 20C.20.230 shall be met.
- I. Sandwich board signs not meeting the requirements of this section are prohibited. Enforcement of this ordinance shall be pursuant to the procedures set forth in Redmond Municipal Code Section 1.14.
- J. Signs located on public streets, sidewalks, walkways, any other public right-of-ways or wheresoever located which present an immediate and serious danger to the public because of their unsafe condition may be immediately removed by the City without prior notice.

Section 3. Direction to Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is directed to consider the City's sign regulations governing display of sandwich board and other signs consistent with public safety and the goals and policies of the Community Development Guide. In this review, the Planning Commission may consider criteria to regulate sandwich board signs on multi-business tenant sites if appropriate. Such review and recommendation, including the public hearing process, shall be completed as soon as reasonably feasible in light of the Commission's existing schedule and present commitments.

Section 4. Term of Ordinance. This ordinance shall expire and be of no further effect upon either adoption of permanent revisions to the City's sign ordinance after

consideration of the Planning Commission recommendation provided for above, or upon the expiration of nine months from the effective date of this ordinance as provided below, whichever shall first occur, unless extended by the City Council.

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

APPROVED:

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MAYOR, DOREEN MARCHIONE

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