

Zoning Code Changes  
(Sign Regulations)

CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 716

AN ORDINANCE, relating to land use, buildings and structures; amending certain sections of the Redmond Zoning Plan; and repealing sections 17.56.080 and 17.56.090 of the Redmond Zoning Code.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 17.56.010 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.010 Residential use sign. On property in residential use the sign regulations stated below shall apply:

(1) For one dwelling unit per lot, signs for identification with maximum area of all such signs of two square feet per lot shall be permitted;

(2) For multiple dwelling units per lot, with separate external entrances, signs for identification with maximum area of all such signs of two square feet per dwelling unit shall be permitted;

(3) For multiple dwelling units per lot with entrance to such units from a lobby, signs for identification of building with maximum area of all such signs of eight square feet per building shall be permitted;

(4) Miscellaneous signs such as: For sale, for rent, room for rent, no peddlers or agents, with maximum area of all such signs of two square feet per lot shall be permitted;

(5) Identification signs may have steady illumination;

(6) Residential use identification signs shall not have commercial messages;

(7) Residential signs on roof tops and free standing signs that exceed ten feet above grade shall not be permitted.

Section 2. Section 17.56.100 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.100 General commercial and industrial use sign regulations. The sign regulations stated below and in Sections 17.56.110 and 17.56.190 shall apply in the various commercial and industrial use zones as the sign regulations for such use zones may indicate:

(1) At the opening of a new business, additional signs with maximum area of one half of the sign area permitted by use zone regulations shall be permitted for a maximum period of twenty business days from the date of opening. Such signs may have steady illumination;

(2) Temporary signs publicizing coming community events and programs and events of a public service nature shall be permitted without inclusion in permitted sign area;

(3) On development sites during construction, unilluminated signs for architects, engineers, builders and contractors with maximum area of one hundred twenty square feet per development devoted to one sign or to not more than two separate signs shall be permitted;

(4) On the site of a planned future development, one unilluminated future site sign per development with maximum area of twenty square feet shall be permitted;

(5) On property for sale or lease, unilluminated real estate signs each having a maximum area of ten square feet with not more than one such sign facing each street on which such property fronts shall be permitted;

(6) On unimproved property, miscellaneous unilluminated signs such as: No trespassing, stay out, fill dirt wanted, dump no rubbish, dump no garbage, with maximum area of all such signs of eight square feet per lot shall be permitted;

(7) Signs not exceeding twelve square feet, without commercial message, for identifying those business parking areas separated from the business served shall be permitted.

Section 3. Section 17.56.110 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.110 P-C zone. On property in use zone P-C the sign regulations stated below shall apply:

(1) Signs not exceeding forty square feet for identification and nature of the business without commercial message, shall be permitted. Such signs shall be included as an integral part of the architectural and landscaping design. Such signs may be illuminated;

(2) Of those regulations given in Section 17.56.100 the following shall apply:

- (A) Development signs per Section 17.56.100(3);
- (B) Future site signs per Section 17.56.100(4);
- (C) Real estate signs per Section 17.56.100(5);
- (D) Miscellaneous signs per Section 17.56.100(6);
- (E) Parking area signs per Section 17.56.100(7).

Section 4. Section 17.56.120 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.120 C-N zone. On property in use zone C-N the sign regulations stated below shall apply:

(1) Signs for identification, nature of business, products and services with maximum area per lot of one square foot per linear foot of frontage on a street shall be permitted with a maximum of thirty-two square feet. Such signs may have steady illumination;

(2) All regulations given in Section 17.56.100 shall apply.

Section 5. Section 17.56.140 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.140 C-L zone. On property in use zone C-L the sign regulations stated below shall apply:

(1) Signs for identification, nature of business, products and services with maximum area per lot of two square feet per linear foot of frontage on a street shall be permitted with a maximum of one hundred square feet. Such signs may be illuminated;

(2) All regulations given in Section 17.56.100 shall apply.

Section 6. Section 17.56.170 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.170 I-P zone. On property in use zone I-P the sign regulations stated below shall apply:

(1) Signs not exceeding one hundred twenty square feet for identification and nature of the business, without commercial message, shall be permitted. Such signs

shall be included as an integral part of the architectural and landscaping design. Such signs may be illuminated;

(2) Of those regulations given in Section 17.56.100 the following shall apply:

- (A) Development signs per Section 17.56.100(3);
- (B) Future site signs per Section 17.56.100(4);
- (C) Real estate signs per Section 17.56.100(5);
- (D) Miscellaneous signs per Section 17.56.100(6).

Section 7. Section 17.56.180 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.180 I-L zone. On property in use zone I-L the sign regulations stated below shall apply:

(1) Signs not exceeding one hundred twenty square feet for identification and nature of the business, without commercial message, shall be permitted. Such signs may be illuminated;

(2) Of those regulations given in Section 17.56.100 the following shall apply:

- (A) Development signs per Section 17.56.100(3);
- (B) Future site signs per Section 17.56.100(4);
- (C) Real estate signs per Section 17.56.100(5);
- (D) Miscellaneous signs per Section 17.56.100(6).

Section 8. Section 17.56.190 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.190 I-H zone. On property in use zone I-H the sign regulations stated below shall apply:

(1) Signs not exceeding one hundred twenty square feet for identification and nature of the business, without commercial message, shall be permitted. Such signs may be illuminated;

(2) Of those regulations given in Section 17.56.100 the following shall apply:

- (A) Development signs per Section 17.56.100(3);
- (B) Future site signs per Section 17.56.100(4);
- (C) Real estate signs per Section 17.56.100(5);
- (D) Miscellaneous signs per Section 17.56.100(6).

Section 9. Section 17.56.250 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.56.250 Location. The location of signs shall comply with the regulations stated below:

(1) Signs may be located within setback areas;

(2) Signs shall not interfere with the sight clearance requirements of Section 17.46.150;

(3) Signs intended to provide overhead clearance shall have a minimum vertical clearance of eight feet;

(4) Signs not intended to provide overhead clearance shall have a maximum vertical clearance of one foot;

(5) Signs mounted on structures other than buildings shall not project into street rights-of-way;

(6) Signs mounted on buildings shall not project into street rights-of-way, except where a building wall is on a street property line, a sign may be mounted on and parallel to such wall with a sign structure thickness, measured from such wall, of not more than six inches;

(7) All signs shall be on-site; provided, that nonprofit, charitable community organizations which are located in Redmond shall be allowed to erect sign banners of a uniform standard size on the Burlington Northern railroad trestle overcrossing Redmond Way on a temporary permit basis not to exceed 14 days, to be issued and administered by the Director of Public Works, subject to the furnishing

of a certificate of public liability insurance in minimum amounts of \$100,000 each person, \$300,000 each occurrence and \$50,000 property damage, with the City as a named insured, and subject to the payment of a permit fee sufficient to cover the costs of processing not to be less than \$10.00 and subject to obtaining permission of Burlington Northern, Inc.;

(8) Rooftop signs shall be permitted only when they are an integral part of a building's architectural design and do not exceed the building height. Signs painted on the roofing material or erected on standards or braces projecting from rooftops are not permitted;

(9) Free standing signs shall not exceed twenty-five feet above ground level.

Section 10. Section 17.56.080 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

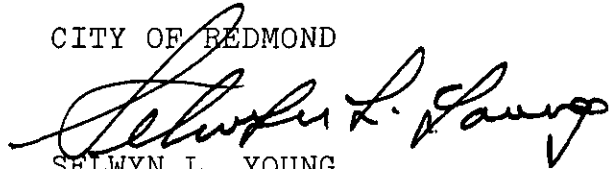
Section 11. Section 17.56.090 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

17.56.255 Animation. No signs shall be animated, either mechanically or by illumination.

Section 12. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after the date of its publication in the manner provided by law.

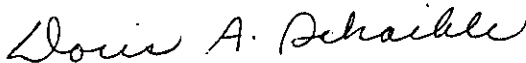
PASSED by the Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 20 day of April, 1976.

CITY OF REDMOND



SELWYN L. YOUNG  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



DORIS A. SCHAIBLE  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JOHN D. LAWSON  
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DATE: April 2, 1976  
MEMO TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Planning Director  
SUBJECT: Summary of Ordinance to Amend Sign Regulations

- (1) Sign area reduced in residential areas.
- (2) Commercial signs excluded from residential areas.
- (3) Height limit clarified in residential areas.
- (4) Limitation for business parking lot signs established to avoid off-site advertising billboards.
- (5) Maximum size limitations are established for several business and industrial district signs to avoid extremely large signs where large lots exist. Former limit was based on street frontage only.
- (6) A banner is permitted on the RR Bridge over Redmond Way to advertise certain community events.
- (7) Roof top signs are permitted only when related to building design and free-standing signs are limited to 25 ft. in height. Conflict of former requirement is eliminated which permitted roof top signs 12 ft. above roofs and also excluded them. The change would make a number of signs non-conforming but would not require removal.

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