AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, PERTAINING TO LAND USE AND ZONING, AMENDING SAMMAMISH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 21A.15, DEFINITIONS, AND 21A.45, SIGNS, TO PERMIT CHANGING MESSAGE CENTER SIGNS AS A COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES FOR CITY HALL FACILITIES; AND FURTHER AMENDING SMC SECTIONS 21A.15.1100, SECTIONS 21A.45.060 (4) AND (6), AND 21A.45.070(1).

WHEREAS, the City uses a variety of media to keep the public informed of municipal business and community meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed City Hall site is a desirable location for siting a community bulletin board sign due to its central location on the main thoroughfare of the City; and,

WHEREAS, an electronic community bulletin board sign is an efficient means of providing the public with information; and,

WHEREAS, the limitations on where these types of signs may be located should be revised to permit the location of signs at the City Hall site.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 21A.15.1100 SMC, Sign, community bulletin board, is hereby amended to read as follows:
"Sign, community bulletin board" means a permanent sign which may contain either electronic or permanent graphics, symbols, or words that is used to notify the public of community events and public services, and which contains no commercial advertising. (Ord. O99-29 § 1)

Section 2. Section 21A.45.060 SMC, General sign requirements, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(1) All signs, except billboards, community bulletin boards, community identification signs, political signs, real estate signs, and special event signs shall be on-premises signs; provided, that uses located on lots without public street frontage in business and office zones may have one off-premises directional sign of no more than 16 square feet.
(2) Fuel price signs shall not be included in sign area or number limitations of SMC 21A.45.090 through 21A.45.110, provided such signs do not exceed 20 square feet per street frontage.
(3) Projecting and awning signs and signs mounted on the sloping portion of roofs shall not be permitted for uses in the residential zones. In other zones, projecting and
awning signs and signs mounted on the sloping portion of roofs may be used in lieu of wall signs, provided:

(a) They maintain a minimum clearance of eight feet above finished grade;
(b) They do not project more than six feet perpendicular from the supporting building facade;
(c) They meet the standards of subsection (10) of this section if mounted on the roof of a building; and
(d) They shall not exceed the number or size permitted for wall signs in a zone.

(4) Changing message center signs, and time and temperature signs, which can be a wall or freestanding sign, shall not exceed the size permitted for a wall or freestanding sign, and shall be permitted only in the NB, CB, and O zones, except that changing message center signs may be permitted in the R zone, subject to the provisions of SMC 21A.45.070. Changing message center signs and time and temperature signs shall not exceed the maximum sign height permitted in the zone.

(5) Directional signs shall not be included in the sign area or number limitation of SMC 21A.45.080 through 21A.45.110, provided they shall not exceed six square feet in surface area and are limited to one for each entrance or exit to surface parking areas or parking structure.

(6) Sign Illumination and Glare.

(a) All signs in the NB, CB, or O zones, and community bulletin boards in the R zone may be internally illuminated;
(b) Unless otherwise provided for in subsection (a), signs in the R zones may only be indirectly illuminated, provided the light source for indirectly illuminated signs shall be no farther away from the sign than the height of the sign;
(c) Indirectly illuminated signs shall be arranged so that no direct rays of light are projected from such artificial source into residences or any street right-of-way;
(d) Electrical requirements for signs shall be governed by Chapter 19.28 RCW and Chapter 296-46-910 WAC; and
(e) Signs with an on/off operation shall be permitted only in the CB zone.

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Section 3. Section 21A.45.070 SMC, Community bulletin board signs, is hereby amended to read as follows:
One community bulletin board sign is permitted within each community plan the Sammamish Commons Comprehensive Plan designated activity center with the following limitations:

(1) In the R zone community bulletin board signs may not exceed 32 square feet and are only permitted at public schools, police stations, fire stations or other public facilities;
(2) In the O and NB zones community bulletin board signs may not exceed 40 square feet;
(3) In the CB zone community bulletin board signs may not exceed 60 square feet. community bulletin board signs may not exceed 32 square feet and are only permitted at City Hall.

((Ord. O99-29 §1))
Section 4. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.


CITY OF SAMMAMISH

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