

CITY OF YELM
ORDINANCE NO. 881

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE YELM SIGN CODE, CHAPTER 15.24
YMC

WHEREAS, in 2003, the City Council updated the Yelm Sign Code after review by an ad hoc committee, the Planning Commission, and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Yelm Chamber of Commerce works closely with the City of Yelm on business related issues and suggested the City review several areas of the updated sign code for possible amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department reviewed the suggested changes and proposed several amendments to address many of the suggestions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor presented the proposed changes to the members of the Yelm Chamber and solicited feedback from the membership; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a duly advertised public hearing on the proposed updated;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YELM DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 1. Section 15.24.170 YMC is hereby amended.

15.24.170 Buildings facing on two parallel streets or corner.

- A. Single- or multiple-occupancy buildings whose premises extend through a block to face onto parallel streets with customer entrances on each street are permitted signs per street frontage as per YMC 15.24.190; provided, however, that each sign is located on different street frontages and are separated more than ~~400~~50 feet measured in a straight line along the building frontage between the signs, provided that if the building frontage is less than 50 feet, the signs shall be located no closer than the center point of each building face.

Section 2. Section 15.24.197 YMC is hereby amended.

15.24.197 Community Signs

- A. A single, joint sign listing Yelm civic organizations may be installed by the Yelm Chamber of Commerce on property owned by a civic organization or the City of Yelm or on property subject to an easement benefitting Chamber of Commerce. The sign shall be limited to ~~40~~12 square feet if a freestanding sign less than 8 feet in height and ~~20~~21 square feet if a monument sign.

- B. Community Events within the City of Yelm sponsored by the City of Yelm or a civic organization may be allowed on property owned by a civic organization or the City of Yelm, provided that the sign is less than 20-21 square feet in area, is erected no earlier than three weeks prior to the advertised event and is removed within two days of the end of the event.
- C. Signs located on the outfield fences of baseball fields owned and operated by civic organizations are allowed, provided that such signs are primarily oriented towards the ballfield and are not intended to advertise off-site.
- D. City directional locator signs of a standard design and installed by the City of Yelm shall be allowed in the public street right of ways. Directional locator signs may be installed to direct traffic to:
 1. Municipal buildings and services.
 2. Community buildings and services.
 3. Master Planned Communities.

Section 3. Section 15.24.197 YMC is hereby amended.

15.24.280 Sign area – Square footage maximums.

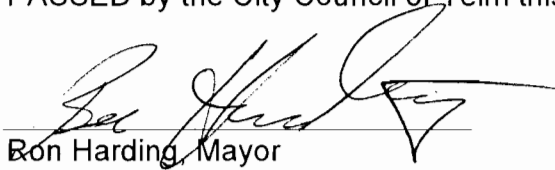
Bldg./Gross Floor Area	Sign Height	Sign Area (Per Side)	Property Line Setback
5,000 sq. ft. or less	FS – 8 ft. MS – 5 ft.	FS – <u>20-21</u> sq. ft. MS – <u>40-42</u> sq. ft.	5 ft.
5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.	FS – 8 ft. MS – 5 ft.	FS – 30 sq. ft. MS – <u>50-51</u> sq. ft.	5 ft.
10,001 – 35,000 sq. ft.	FS – 10 ft. MS – 6 ft.	FS – <u>35-36</u> sq. ft. MS – <u>50-51</u> sq. ft.	10 ft.
35,001 – 60,000 sq. ft.	FS – 10 ft. MS – 6 ft.	FS – <u>40-42</u> sq. ft. MS – 72 sq. ft.	10 ft.
60,001 – 75,000 sq. ft.	FS – 15 ft. MS – 6 ft.	FS – 75 sq. ft. MS – 90 sq. ft.	10 ft.
75,001 – 100,000 sq. ft.	FS – 15 ft.	FS – <u>100-102</u>	15 ft.

	MS – 6 ft.	sq. ft.	
		MS – 120 sq. ft.	
100,000+ sq. ft.	FS – 20 ft.	FS – 150 sq. ft.	15 ft.
	MS – 6 ft.	MS – 120 sq. ft.	

Section 3. Severability. If any provisions of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section 4. The Ordinance shall be in full force and effect and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of Yelm this 28th day of August, 2007.



Ron Harding, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janine Schnepf, City Clerk.

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