



Agenda
Planning Commission Workshop
Wednesday, July 8, 2020
Via Zoom
(877) 853-5247 (Toll Free) or (888)0788-0099 (Toll Free)
Meeting ID 980 5582 5546

Note: Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28 prohibits meetings from being conducted in person. For this meeting, the Planning Commission will meet remotely. The public may attend this meeting through telephonic access by calling the phone number provided.

Commission Members: Chair Palmer, Vice-Chair Maier, and Commissioners Boring, Eadie, Mealer, Smith and Townsend

Liaisons: Council Liaison Alvarez
Staff Liaison: Planning Manager Stevens

Regular Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Attendance:

Agenda Items:

- I. Title 27 - Sign Code Amendment
 - Mike Stevens, Planning Manager

Adjournment

The next Planning Commission Workshop is August 12, 2020

The next Planning Commission Meeting is July 22, 2020

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PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2020

Agenda Category: Agenda Items

Prepared By: Mike Stevens, Planning Manager

Subject:

Title 27 - Sign Code Amendment

Request:

Core Focus Area I - Promote Financial Stability & Operational Effectiveness

Recommended Motion:

No action required.

Summary:

The City of Richland is proposing to amend Section 27.04.030 of the Richland Municipal Code to allow signs directing the public to points of interest and signs showing the location of public facilities to be specifically exempt from being required to obtain a permit.

The Cities of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco are planning a "wayfinding" signage program to direct motorists and pedestrians to various points of interest and destinations. Richland's current sign code only allows for "signs required by law" to be located within the right of way. Directional signs for points of interest such as parks and public facilities are not required by law and are therefore not currently permitted by the sign code. The Cities of Pasco and Kennewick have similarly amended their sign codes.

Attachments:

1. CA2020-103 Application



Code Amendment Application (Non-Zoning)

Note: A Pre-Application meeting is required prior to submittal of an application.

APPLICANT

☐ Contact Person

Company: City of Richland

UBI# n/a

Contact: Joe Schiessl, Director, Parks and Public Facilities Department

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment will permit the placement of directional signs in the right of way to direct motorists to public facilities and points of interest.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Completed Application and Filing Fee
2. SEPA Checklist (if necessary)

ANSWER QUESTIONS AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE

Section(s) of code proposed to be amended (include code citation):

27.04.030 Permits required – Exemptions.

7. Any sign, posting, or notice placed or installed by the city, county, state or federal governmental agency carrying out its responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, including, but not limited to, the following:
- a. Emergency and warning signs necessary for public safety or civil defense;
 - b. Traffic signs erected and maintained by an authorized public agency;
 - c. Signs directing the public to points of interest; and
 - d. Signs showing the location of public facilities.

Signs located within rights of way shall comply with RMC Chapter 12.11 and be approved by the Public Works Department.

Summary of requested code amendment(s):

New items 27.04.030 a & b will exempt emergency, warning and traffic signs. New items c & d will exempt point of interest and public facility signage.

Reason(s) for code amendment(s):

The Cities of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco are planning a “wayfinding” signage program to direct motorists and pedestrians to various points of interest and destinations. Richland’s current sign code only allows for “signs required by law” to be located within the right of way. Directional signs for points of interest such as parks and public facilities are not required by law and are therefore not currently permitted by the sign code. The Cities of Pasco and Kennewick have similarly amended their sign codes.

Is the proposed amendment consistent with the applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Plan? Is a Comprehensive Plan amendment necessary to implement the proposed amendment?

Yes, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

No, a Comprehensive Plan amendment is not necessary.

Does the proposed amendment bear a substantial relation to the public health, safety, welfare and protection of the environment? Please explain:

Yes, conveying information to motorists and pedestrians for points of interest and public facilities is based in the protection of public health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:

1. I have read and examined this permit application. The information provided in this application contains no misstatement of fact.
2. I am an owner(s), authorized agent(s) of an owner(s), or I am currently a licensed contractor or specialty contractor under Chapter 18.27 RCW, or I am exempt from the requirements of the Chapter 18.27 RCW.

Note: This application will not be processed unless the above certification is endorsed by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or the owner(s) themselves. If the City of Richland has reason to believe that erroneous information has been supplied by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or by the owner(s) themselves, processing of the application may be suspended.

Applicant Printed Name: Joe Schiessl, Director of Parks and Public Facilities

Applicant Signature:  Date 4.9.2020