

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington



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ORDINANCE NO. 95-060

AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE
CHAPTERS 18.44 AND 19.58
RELATING TO SIGNS FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES,
COMMUNITY CLUBS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND BED AND BREAKFAST
ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, the county executive and county council have identified regulatory reform of land use regulations as a high priority for county government; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the county council, the county executive and prosecuting attorney have established a regulatory reform process to make land use regulations more understandable to the public and more easily implemented by the county; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is a result of that process;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 18.44.070, last amended by Ordinance no. 93-077 on September 8, 1993, is amended to read:

18.44.070 Signs for particular uses.

Signs are allowed in conjunction with the following uses wherever such uses are permitted, subject to the stated conditions:

(1) The planning and development services department may approve on-site signs for identifying residential subdivisions provided the following criteria are met:

(a) The subdivision identification sign message does not exceed six feet in height from adjacent finished grade nor have a surface area greater than 40 square feet. Surface area is measured as the smallest rectangle or circle that encloses the total message;

(b) There are a maximum of two such identification signs for each road entrance to the subdivision;

(c) Signs are located so they permit an unobstructed sight distance along road rights-of-way in accordance with the Engineering Design and Development Standards adopted under Chapter 13.05 SCC;

(d) SCC 18.42.090(3) provisions are met; and,

(e) Signs are stationary and if illuminated, are to be lit with indirect lighting.

Lighting which is flashing, blinking or of variable intensity is prohibited;

(2) The hearing examiner may approve on-site subdivision identification signs in conjunction with preliminary plat approval. The hearing examiner may approve signs that do not meet the criteria in SCC 18.44.070(1) only when such sign(s) are compatible with the immediate neighborhood and surrounding property values are not adversely affected. ((+)) New subdivisions are allowed off-site advertising signs as allowed by the hearing examiner. ((-and))

~~((2))~~ (3) Schools, churches, ~~(and)~~ community clubs, and public structures/buildings, may ~~((be permitted one))~~ display two single or double faced signs for identification purposes which do not exceed 20 square feet of surface area per face, ~~((or))~~ The total signage on-site may not exceed ~~((40))~~ 60 square feet of surface area. ~~((per sign, and which))~~ Freestanding signs ~~((shall))~~ may not be more than eight feet in height and are to be stationary. Lighting which is flashing, blinking or of variable intensity is prohibited. A portion of the identification sign allotment may be used for activity reader boards. Reader boards shall not result in glare when viewed from surrounding properties or road rights-of way. In no case shall a reader board or illuminated identification sign be located within 50-feet of an adjacent residential property.

~~((3))~~ (4) A bed and breakfast sign may be allowed in conjunction with a conditional use permit ~~((for same.))~~ if ~~((T))~~ the sign ~~((shall be))~~ is stationary and, ~~((may be))~~ if illuminated, is lit with indirect lighting. Lighting which is flashing, blinking or of variable intensity is prohibited.

(a) In the MR, LDMR, R-20,000, R-12,500, R-9,600, R-8,400, and R-7,200 zones, the sign shall be a single face sign with dimensions not exceeding four square feet in area.

(b) In the F&R, A-10, R-5, RC, RR, RD, and SA-1 zones, the sign may be single or double-faced with dimensions not exceeding 15 square feet per face; PROVIDED, That the applicant shall submit, as part of the application for a conditional use permit, sign designs and elevations that document a common architectural breakfast guesthouse or inn and are compatible with the surrounding rural character and neighborhood in which the guesthouse or inn is located.

Section 2. A new section is added to Chapter 19.58 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

19.58.040 Plat signage.

Plat identification signs for residential subdivisions are permitted subject to the standards in SCC 18.44.070.

PASSED this 16th day of August, 1995

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Richard C Johnson
Chairperson

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 31, 1995

ATTEST:

Sheila McCallister
Clerk of the Council, *asst*

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Michael J. [Signature]
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

DATE 8/18/95
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County Executive