

ORDINANCE NO. 5\_\_-2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELECTRIC CITY MUNICIPAL  
CODE CHAPTER 18.60, TITLED "SIGNS"

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY, WASHINGTON ORDAINS AS  
FOLLOWS:

*Section 1. Amendment.* Section 18.60.060, titled "Temporary Signs" is amended as follows:

**18.60.060 Temporary signs.**

- (1) Temporary signs may be erected and maintained only in compliance with the following provisions:
  - (a) Temporary signs which exceed the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be permitted.
  - (b) Temporary banner signs which stretch across public rights-of-way and which are authorized by a governmental agency are not subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.
  - (c) With the exception of subsection (1)(b) of this section and signs installed or authorized by a governmental agency, no temporary signs are permitted in public right-of-way.
  - (d) Temporary and portable signs over two and one-half feet tall shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the street side of a property line. This does not apply to signs placed within recessed entryways; provided, that no portion of the sign extends over a public sidewalk. This does not apply to signs which hang from the face or wall of a building; provided, that the sign does not protrude more than two inches from the face or wall.
  - (e) Temporary signs affixed to a building may be placed no higher than the building's eave, top of wall or parapet.
  - (f) With the exception of subsection (1)(b) of this section, temporary signs shall not be attached to trees, shrubbery, utility poles or traffic control signs or devices.
- (2) Permitted Temporary Signage. Temporary signage shall be allowed for each lot as follows:
  - (a) Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, ~~S-1, MU~~) Zones.
    - (i) One temporary sign per frontage, not exceeding four square feet in area, which is erected for a maximum of eight days in any calendar year
    - (ii) Two temporary signs not exceeding 24 square feet in area allowed per subdivision during the build-out of the residences in the subdivision. These types of signs are typically used for subdivision and model home identification. No sign may be erected for any inhabited residence.
    - (iii) One temporary sign per lot, not exceeding six square feet in area and 30 inches in height and erected only between the hours of 5:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 a.m. Monday. Such signs are typically used for open houses.
  - (b) Commercial (C-1, C-2) and ~~(MU)~~ C-3 Zones
    - (i) Temporary signs mounted flush with the building face are unlimited as to their number and size. If mounted other than flush to a building face, one temporary sign, not to exceed 16 square feet in area, for each 250 feet of public street front- age, calculated per frontage shall be permitted.
  - (c) All Zones.
    - (i) Signs not exceeding six square feet each in area during the period from six weeks prior to a public election or the time the election is called, whichever is earlier, to 14 days after the public election.
    - (ii) One temporary sign per frontage, not exceeding six square feet in area, during the time of sale, lease or rental of the lot/structure; provided, that the sign is removed within 30

days of the sale, lease or rental of the lot/structure.

(iii) One temporary sign per frontage, not exceeding six square feet in area, during the time of construction, landscaping or remodeling of the property; provided, that the sign is removed within 30 days of the completion of any construction, landscaping, or remodeling.

(d) If a sign is for a residential use in a mixed use zone, the sign must be in compliance with residential regulations. If a sign is for commercial use, the sign must be in compliance with the commercial use regulations.

**Section 2. Amendment.** Section 18.60.070, titled “Permanent Signs” is amended as follows:

**18.60.070 Permanent signs.**

Permanent signs may be erected and maintained only in compliance with the following specific provisions:

(1) Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, ~~S-1, MU~~) Zones.

(a) Each subdivision or multifamily complex is permitted one permanent monument sign not to exceed six feet in height and 48 square feet in area.

(b) Each public school is permitted one permanent sign per public street frontage. Each sign may take any of the following forms (although only one freestanding sign taller than six feet in height is permitted per school): a nonilluminated freestanding sign no taller than 15 feet in height and no larger than 36 square feet in area; an indirectly illuminated or nonilluminated monument sign no taller than six feet in height and no larger than 48 square feet in area; or a nonilluminated wall sign placed no higher than 35 feet above grade or the eave, top of wall, or parapet (whichever is less) and no larger than 48 square feet in area. Each sign may include changeable copy (manual or electronic) subject to subsection (4) of this section. Each sign shall meet the setbacks applicable to the residential zone in which it is located.

(c) Each church is permitted one nonilluminated or indirectly illuminated permanent sign per public street frontage. No sign shall be taller than six feet in height. If a church site has more than one frontage, the first sign shall be no larger than 30 square feet in area and any subsequent sign may be no larger than six square feet in area. Signs may include changeable copy (manual or electronic). Landscaping shall be provided at the base of the sign, consistent with a plan to be submitted by the applicant for review and approval.

(2) Commercial (C-1, C-2) and ~~(MU) C-3~~ Zones. Signs in the commercial and mixed use zones may be directly or indirectly lit and shall meet all setback requirements of their zone.

(a) Freestanding Signs. Each site or multi-tenant complex is allowed one permanent freestanding sign not to exceed 48 square feet in area and six feet in height. In addition, each site or multi-tenant complex is allowed one additional permanent freestanding sign per 500 feet of frontage, not to exceed three per site or multi-tenant complex, each not to exceed 125 square feet in area.

(b) Mounted Signs. There is no limit on the area of permanent mounted signs except as provided in subsection (3)(e) of this section.

(3) Supplemental Permanent Sign Provisions.

~~(a) No signs are permitted within a public right of way unless authorized by a public agency.~~

~~(b)~~ (a) Signs shall be erected in an upright position and placed perpendicular to a horizontal surface conforming to the line from horizon to horizon.

~~(c)~~ (b) Maximum square footage restrictions include changeable copy and exclude accessory and incidental signs.

~~(d)~~ (c) Minimum clearance for projecting, canopy, and hanging signs when over a walkway or access area is eight feet.

~~(e)~~ (d) Projecting and hanging signs may extend no more than six feet from a building's facade. No projecting or hanging sign may be over 36 square feet in area.

~~(f)~~ (e) Sign setbacks are measured from the nearest property line to the nearest portion of the sign. Signs shall meet the side and rear setbacks as described in ECMC 18.45.20. Signs are permitted

within the front yard setback, however no sign is permitted within the public right-of way unless authorized by the city. In addition to the specific setbacks noted above, all signs shall meet the clear-vision requirements of ECMC 18.45.070.

- (4) Electronic changeable copy signs are subject to the following standards:
- (a) One electronic changeable copy sign is permitted per site or multi-tenant complex and shall only be allowed as part of a permanent free-standing or wall sign.
  - (b) The electronic changeable copy portion of a freestanding sign may be no higher than 12 feet above grade.
  - (c) The electronic changeable copy portion of a sign may not exceed 24 square feet in area.
  - (d) Electronic changeable copy signs must be entirely within the boundary of the property.
  - (e) No temporary signage is allowed on a site or multi-tenant complex if an electronic changeable copy sign is utilized.
  - (f) Electronic changeable copy signs must be permanently mounted to the ground or a structure.

**Section 3. Effective date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after its passage and publication of its summary as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Electric City, Washington, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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John T. Nordine II, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Russell D. Powers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Katherine L. Kenison, City Attorney

PASSED the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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PUBLISHED the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2019.

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