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ORDINANCE NO. **13014**

AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning; clarifying the definitions and height limits for wall, awning and projecting signs; allowing signs to be mounted to building roofs; amending Ordinance 10870, Section 258, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1090; Ordinance 10870, Section 271, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1155; Ordinance 10870, Section 273, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1165; and Ordinance 10870, Sections 423 to 424, and K.C.C. 21A.20.050 to 21A.20.060.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 10870, Section 258, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1090 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Sign, awning. Sign, awning: A sign painted on or ~~((affixed to the front or side of))~~ attached directly to and supported by an awning. An awning may be constructed of rigid or non-rigid materials and may be retractable or non-retractable.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 10870, Section 271, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1155 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Sign, projecting. Sign, projecting: any sign ~~((other than a flat wall sign,))~~ which is attached to and supported by the exterior wall of a building with the exposed face of the sign on a plane perpendicular to the wall of the building; ((and)) project((s))ing ~~((vertically))~~ more than one foot from the wall of a building ((or other structure))and vertical to the ground.

1 SECTION 3. Ordinance 10870, Section 273, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1165 are each
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 Sign, wall. Sign, wall: any sign painted on, or attached directly to and supported
4 by, a building or ~~((fence))~~ structure; with the exposed face of the sign on a plane parallel
5 to the portion of the building or structure to which it is attached; projecting no more than
6 one foot from the building or structure; including window signs which are permanently
7 attached.

8 SECTION 4. Ordinance 10870, Section 423, and K.C.C. 21A.20.050 are each
9 hereby amended to read as follows:

10 Sign area calculation. A. Sign area for non-monument freestanding signs shall be
11 calculated by determining the total surface area of the sign as viewed from any single
12 vantage point, excluding support structures.

13 B. Sign area for letters or symbols painted or mounted directly on wall or
14 monument signs or on the sloping portion of a roof shall be calculated by measuring the
15 smallest single rectangle which will enclose the combined letters and symbols.

16 C. Sign area for signs contained entirely within a cabinet and mounted on a
17 wall, roof or monument shall be calculated by measuring the entire area of the cabinet.

18 SECTION 5. Ordinance 10870, Section 424, and K.C.C. 21A.20.060 are each
19 hereby amended to read as follows:

20 General sign requirements. A. All signs, except billboards, community bulletin
21 boards, political signs, real estate signs and special event signs, shall be on-premise signs;
22 provided that uses located on lots without public street frontage in business, office and
23 industrial zones may have one off-premise directional sign of no more than 16 square feet.

1 B. Fuel price signs shall not be included in sign area or number limitations of
2 K.C.C. 21A.20.090-110, provided such signs do not exceed 20 square feet per street
3 frontage.

4 C. Projecting and awning signs and signs mounted on the sloping portion of roofs
5 shall not be permitted for uses in the Resource and Residential zones. In other zones,
6 projecting and awning signs and signs mounted on the sloping portion of roofs may be used
7 in lieu of wall signs, provided:

8 1. they maintain a minimum clearance of eight feet above finished grade;

9 2. they do not project more than six feet perpendicular from the supporting
10 building facade; ~~((and))~~

11 3. they meet the standards of subsection J. if mounted on the roof of a building;

12 and

13 ~~((3))~~4. they shall not exceed the number or size permitted for wall signs in a
14 zone.

15 D. Changing message center signs, and time and temperature signs, which can be a
16 wall or freestanding sign, shall not exceed the size permitted for a wall or freestanding sign,
17 and shall be permitted only in the NB, CB, RB, O, and I zones. Changing message center
18 signs and time and temperature signs shall not exceed the maximum sign height permitted in
19 the zone.

20 E. Directional signs shall not be included in the sign area or number limitation of
21 K.C.C. 21A.20.070-.110, provided they shall not exceed 6 square feet in surface area and are
22 limited to one for each entrance or exit to surface parking areas or parking structure.

23 F. Sign illumination and glare:

1 1. All signs in the NB, CB, RB, O, or I zone districts may be illuminated. Signs in
2 all other zones may be indirectly illuminated, provided the light source for indirectly
3 illuminated signs shall be no farther away from the sign than the height of the sign;

4 2. Indirectly illuminated signs shall be arranged so that no direct rays of light are
5 projected from such artificial source into residences or any street right-of-way.

6 3. Electrical requirements for signs shall be governed by Chapter 19.28 of the
7 Revised Code of Washington and Chapter 296-46-910 of the Washington Administrative
8 Code, and

9 4. Signs with an on/off operation shall be permitted only in the CB, RB, and I
10 zones.

11 G. Maximum height for wall signs shall not extend above the highest exterior wall
12 or structure upon which the sign is located.

13 H. Maximum height for projecting signs shall not extend above the highest exterior
14 wall upon which the projecting sign is located.

15 I. Maximum height for awning signs shall not extend above the height of the awning
16 upon which the awning sign is located.

17 J. Any sign attached to the sloping surface of a roof shall be installed or erected in
18 such a manner that there are no visible support structures, shall appear to be part of the
19 building itself, and shall not extend above the roof ridge line of the portion of the roof upon
20 which the sign is attached.

21 ~~(H.)~~K. Except as otherwise permitted by this chapter, off-premise directional signs
22 shall not exceed four square feet in sign area.

1 ((L))L. Mixed use developments in the NB, CB, RB, or O zones are permitted one
2 permanent residential identification sign not exceeding 32 square feet in addition to the
3 maximum sign area requirements in the zone where the mixed use development is located.

4 SECTION 6. The Metropolitan King County Council finds that pursuant to
5 Ordinance 12196, the requirements for environmental analysis, protections and mitigation
6 measures in this code chapter, as amended by this ordinance, provide adequate analysis of
7 and mitigation for the specific adverse environmental impacts to which the requirements
8 apply.

9 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 21st day of
10 January, 1997.
11 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 23rd day of February,
12 1998.

13 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
14 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

15 Louise Miller
16 Chair

17 ATTEST:

18 Zimmerman
19 Clerk of the Council

20 APPROVED this 4 day of March, 1998.

21 Spalding
22 King County Executive

23 Attachments: None