



YACHATS PLANNING COMMISSION

February 19, 2019

Work Session Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Lance Bloch called the February 19, 2019 special work session of the Yachats Planning Commission to order at 2:00 pm in the Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Jacqueline Danos, Helen Anderson, Lance Bloch, Loren Dickinson, Christine Orchard, and Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey. Absent: Doug Conner. Staff Present: City Planner Dave Mattison Audience: 1.

II. Sign Ordinance

Block recalled the Commission left of at Prohibited Signs at the last meeting. Commissioner discussed and agreed to the following changes to the Draft Sign Ordinance:

Danos read the definition of murals from Florence. Commissioners suggested they do not want to tie the definition of a mural to signs. Danos also noted there was no definition for a mansard roof.

Commissioners agreed to the following definition of murals: A work of visual art which is tiled or painted directly upon, or affixed directly to a fence, wall, or exterior wall of a building.

Danos asked about language for lighting and Anderson suggested they address lighting after they finish this section of code.

The Commission agreed they could not regulate temporary signs based on sign types that are content based. The Commission agreed to the following changes to 9.44.050 Temporary Signs:

9.44.050 Temporary Signs

In addition to the allowances for signs provided by this section, temporary signs are allowed on private property and shall not affect the amount or type of signage otherwise allowed by this chapter. The signage shall not be restricted by content. Signage may be erected and maintained without a permit with the following standards:

A. ~~No more than one temporary sign is permitted per issue per property.~~ Except as noted in this section, temporary signs are allowed to be erected and maintained for three (3) days.

B. Temporary signs are not permitted in the public right of way.

C. Temporary signs shall be a maximum of eight (8) square feet.

D. Temporary signs shall be attached to the site or constructed in a manner that both (a) prevents the sign from being easily removed by unauthorized persons or blown from its location and (b) allows for the easy removal of the sign by authorized persons.

E. No objects shall be attached to temporary signs, including balloons, banners, and flying objects.

F. Except as provided in this code, temporary signs shall not be attached to trees, shrubbery, utility poles, or traffic control signs or devices.

G. No temporary sign shall be erected or maintained that, by reason of its size, location or construction, constitutes a hazard to the public.

1 H. During the period from ninety (90) days before a public election or the time the election is
2 called until ten (10) days after the election, temporary signs not exceeding six (six) square feet in
3 area and four (4) feet in height are allowed.

4 I. During the period when a property is for sale, lease, or rent in residential zones R-1, R-2, and R-
5 3 until fifteen (15) days after the completed transaction, temporary signs not exceeding six (6)
6 square feet in area and four (4) feet in height are allowed.

7 J. During the period when a property is for sale, lease, or rent in residential zones R-4, C-1, and P-
8 F until fifteen (15) days after the completed transaction, temporary signs not exceeding six (32)
9 square feet in area and four (6) feet in height are allowed.

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11 Commissioners agreed to change the section title as follows:

12 **9.44.020 ~~Exempt Signs~~ Exemptions from Requirements**

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14 Commissioners changed Section 9.44.060 as follows:

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16 **9.44. 060 Signs not requiring permits**

17 The following signs are allowed in all sign districts without a permit. Use of these signs does not
18 affect the amount or type of signage otherwise allowed by this chapter. The painting, repainting,
19 cleaning, maintenance and repair of an existing sign shall not require a permit, unless a substantial
20 structural alteration is made. The changing of a sign copy or message shall not require a permit. All
21 signs listed in this section are subject to all other applicable requirements of this Chapter.

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23 A. A-Frame signs.

24 1. A-Frame signs may be placed on private property.

25 3. A-Frame signs may be placed within the right of way on a sidewalk, however a minimum four
26 (4) feet of lateral clearance shall be maintained on a sidewalk. A-Frame signs may not impede
27 pedestrian access or opening of vehicle doors. Placement of A-Frame signs on Highway 101
28 sidewalks are subject to agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

29 4. A-Frame signs shall be a maximum of six (6) square feet with maximum dimensions of two (2)
30 feet wide by three (3) feet tall.

31 5. A-Frame signs shall be weighted and secured so as not to be easily moved or blown.

32 6. No objects shall be attached to A-Frame signs, such as balloons or banners.

33 7. A-Frame signs are only permitted during business hours or event duration and should be removed
34 during periods of high winds;

35 B. Integral signs;

36 C. Government signs;

37 D. One indirectly illuminated or non-illuminated sign not exceeding one and one-half square feet in
38 an area placed on any non-multifamily residential lot. This type of sign is typically used as a name
39 plate;

40 E. Vehicle signs that are not prohibited signs under 9.44.030;

41 F. Signs displayed upon a bus or light rail vehicle owned by a public transit district;

42 G. Historical signs or historical or landmark markers;

43 H. Handheld signs;

44 I. A sign up to six (6) square feet constructed or placed within a parking lot. These signs are
45 typically used to direct traffic and parking;

46 J. A sign within the public right of way that is erected by a governmental agency, utility or
47 contractor doing authorized work within the right of way;

- 1 K. A sign that does not exceed eight (8) square feet in area and six (6) feet in height, and is erected
- 2 on property where there is a danger to the public or to which public access is prohibited;
- 3 L. Non-illuminated interior signs designed primarily to be viewed from a sidewalk or street,
- 4 provided the sign does not obscure more than twenty-five (25) percent of any individual window;
- 5 M. Illuminated interior signs designed primarily to be viewed from a sidewalk or street, provided
- 6 the sign face is less than four (4) square feet in area;
- 7 N. One (1) suspended sign for each principal use erected on property which is not considered
- 8 public right of way, under an attached first floor awning or canopy upon a building with direct
- 9 exterior pedestrian access, provided the sign does not exceed six (6) square feet in area and has a
- 10 minimum of eight (8) feet of clearance;
- 11 O. An exterior sign erected next to an entrance, exit, rest room, office door, or telephone, provided
- 12 the sign is no more than four (4) square feet in area. This type of sign is typically used to identify
- 13 and locate a property feature;
- 14 P. Signs located within a sports stadium or athletic field or other outdoor assembly area that are
- 15 intended for viewing by persons within the facility. The signs shall be placed so as to be oriented
- 16 towards the interior of the field and the viewing stands;
- 17 Q. Signs incorporated into vending machines or gasoline pumps;
- 18 R. Temporary signs as allowed under Section 9.44.050 of this chapter;
- 19 S. Utility signs;
- 20 T. Signs for hospital or emergency services and railroad signs.

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22 Change 9.44.070(C) to read, “Fees for sign permits shall be established by resolution of the city

23 council, and shall be paid prior to the sign being placed or altered. See 9.88.050 Filing fees.”

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25 9.44.080(A)3: change “lit” to “illuminated”

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27 For section 9.44.0120 Additional Specific Sign Requirements, Commissioners agreed move the

- 28 general sign requirement on lit signs to this section and adjust item G to read:
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30 G. Illuminated Signs
- 31 a. External light from an illuminated sign shall be directed away from a residential zone
 - 32 and shall not be located so as to distract motorists.
 - 33 b. No sign shall be of such intensity or brilliance as to impair the vision of a motor
 - 34 vehicle driver or interfere with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, device, or
 - 35 signal.
 - 36 c. Where it can be demonstrated that directional signs are needed for directing or
 - 37 controlling vehicular access, or where such signs are required as a condition of
 - 38 approval for public safety, such signs may be permitted in addition to any other signs
 - 39 permitted by this section. Such signs shall be placed at each motor vehicle entrance or
 - 40 exit, shall not exceed nine (9) square feet in size and six (6) feet in height, and shall
 - 41 not restrict required sight distances or pedestrian and vehicular flow.

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43 Block asked about requirement for a potential industrial zone. Commissioners agreed that if they

44 were to create an industrial zone, it would need specific standards for that zone.

1 Commissioners discussed how the code was interpreted based on where a particular regulation was
2 located. Commissioners wanted internally lit signs to have a total maximum of 24 square feet.
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4 Commissioners agreed item 1 setting the maximum allowed internally lit sign area should be placed
5 under general requirements of the R-4, C-1 zone category.
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7 Commissioners agreed they needed to stipulate the open/closed sign was an additional sign to the 24
8 square foot maximum. Commissioners agreed this item was not of high enough risk to follow strict
9 standards for open/closed signs.
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11 Commissioners agreed to change the section title in 9.44.080(B)2 to: 2. ~~Sign types~~
12 ~~allowed~~Requirements for sign types:
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14 Commissioners agreed to add a maximum allowable square footage for roof signs for item iv.4:
15 4. The maximum total area of roof signs is twenty-four (24) square feet.
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17 Commissioners noted the 16 feet height limitation for roof signs meant there could not be roof signs
18 on two-story building.
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20 Commissioners discussed whether to allow for an additional vacancy/no vacancy sign. They agreed
21 to add an item of b.iii.5: 5. One vacancy/no vacancy sign up to six (6) square feet and attached to
22 this sign is permitted.
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24 Commissioners agreed to resume work with the section on Banner Signs at another work session.
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26 Commissioners agreed to have another special work session on February 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm.
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28 Bloch adjourned the work session at 4:07 pm.
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Lance Bloch, Vice Chair Date
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36 Minutes prepared by H H Anderson on February 22, 2019.
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