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ORDINANCE NO. 3631

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 20.60 ECDC SIGN CODE; REVISING CURRENT DEFINITIONS FOR “GOVERNMENTAL SIGN”, “POLE SIGN”, AND “PORTABLE SIGN”; ADDING A NEW DEFINITION FOR “COMMUNITY EVENT BANNER” AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS THEREFORE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds regulates signs through the Sign Code codified at Chapter 20.60 ECDC for the purpose of promoting traffic safety and community aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, community event banners effectively inform City residents about local festivals, carnivals, fairs, recreational contests and other nonprofit, charitable or City-sponsored events that are integral to the Edmonds community; and

WHEREAS, community event banners are consistent with the underlying purposes of Chapter 20.60 ECDC by advancing community aesthetics;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of ECDC 20.60.005. Section 20.60.005 of the Edmonds

Community Development Code is hereby amended to provide for revised definitions of “Governmental Sign”, “Portable Sign” and “Pole Sign”, and to establish a new definition for “Community Event Banner” as follows:

20.60.005 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

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“Community event banner” is a noncommercial sign composed of cloth, fabric, canvas or similarly flexible material that promotes a temporary community event endorsed, operated or sponsored wholly or in part by a local public entity the jurisdiction of which includes the City of Edmonds. Community events are nonprofit, governmental or charitable festivals, contests, programs, fairs, carnivals or recreational contests conducted within the City.

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“Governmental sign” is a sign owned, operated or sponsored by a governmental entity, and which promotes the public health, safety or welfare. Governmental signs include, but are not limited to, traffic signs, directional and informational signs for public facilities, publicly sponsored warning or hazard signs, and community event banners displayed by a governmental entity on public property.

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“Pole signs” are freestanding signs where the structural support for the sign is a pole(s). Pole signs may include community event banners where the banner is supported by at least two poles that are permanently attached to the ground (“pole-mounted community event banners”).

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“Portable sign” is any sign that is readily capable of being moved or removed, whether attached or affixed to the ground or any structure that is typically intended for temporary display. Portable signs include, but are not limited to:

1. Signs designed and constructed with a chassis or support with or without wheels;
2. Menu and "sandwich" board signs;
3. "A" and "T" frame signs;
4. Wooden, metal, or plastic "stake" or "yard" signs;
5. Posters or banners affixed to windows, railings, overhangs, trees, hedges, or other structures or vegetation, except for pole-mounted community event banners;
6. Signs mounted upon vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way, except signs identifying the related business when the vehicle is being used in the normal day-to-day operation of the business, and except for signs advertising for sale the vehicle upon which the sign is mounted;
7. Searchlights;
8. Inflatables.

Section 2. Amendment of ECDC 20.60.020. Subsection 20.60.020(B) of the Edmonds Community Development Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

20.60.020 General regulations for permanent signs.

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B. Except for pole-mounted community event banners, no sign or any part of a sign may be designed or constructed to be moving by any means and shall not contain items such as banners, ribbons, streamers and spinners. Signs with type that is movable to change the message (reader boards) are allowed.

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Section 3. Amendment of ECDC 20.60.045. Subsection 20.60.045(E) of the Edmonds Community Development Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

20.60.045 Freestanding sign — Regulations.

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E. Location. Freestanding signs shall be located as close as possible to the center of the street frontage on which they are located. Except for pole-mounted community event banners, freestanding signs may not be located on public property. Sites on a corner of two public streets may have one sign on the corner instead of a sign for each frontage.

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Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Transmittal to CTED. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, the City Planner is directed to transmit a copy of this ordinance to the Washington Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development as required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

APPROVED:

MAYOR GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY _____
W. SCOTT SNYDER

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	03/16/2007
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	03/20/2007
PUBLISHED:	03/28/2007
EFFECTIVE DATE:	04/02/2007
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3631

of the City of Edmonds, Washington

On the 20th day of March, 2007, the City Council of the City of Edmonds, passed Ordinance No. 3631. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

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The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 21st day of March, 2007.

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE