

ORDINANCE 1521

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, IDAHO, AMENDING THE PAYETTE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.28.070 NONACCESSORY OR OFF PREMISES SIGNS IN CHAPTER 15.28 SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS IN TITLE 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION TO ALLOW FOR ONE OFF PREMISES SIGN PER BUSINESS; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; ALLOWING PUBLICATION IN SUMMARY FORM; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING A REPEALER.

WHEREAS, Based on evidence collected from multiple communities over many years, the City has determined that Signs can obstruct views, distract motorists, displace alternative uses for land, and affect the aesthetics of a community; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds and declares that it is necessary to regulate the construction, erection, maintenance, electrification, illumination, type, size, number, and location of Signs to:

1. protect the health, safety, property, and welfare of the public;
2. improve the neat, clean, and orderly appearance of the City;
3. provide for informational needs of the public;
4. preserve and protect the scenic beauty of the City;
5. promote traffic safety; and
6. promote a healthy business climate in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PAYETTE, IDAHO:

Section 1. Title 15 Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.28 Signs and Billboards, Section 15.28.070 Non-accessory or Off Premises Signs is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.28.070: NONACCESSORY OR OFF PREMISES SIGNS:

A. Definition: Nonaccessory or off premises signs are signs which are not related to the property upon which they are located, or to the activities being conducted thereon. Only one (1) nonaccessory or off premises sign shall be allowed per business. Only one (1) nonaccessory or off premises sign shall be allowed to be placed on any property. Nonaccessory off premises signs include large general advertising signs known as billboards and signs advertising an offsite business.

B. New Signs: No new ~~nonaccessory~~, off premises, general advertising signs of the billboard category are allowed. Existing billboards may be allowed to relocate if the new site is approved based upon the findings and criteria set forth in this section. Existing nonaccessory off premises signs of the billboard category may be replaced structure for structure.

~~e~~1. Equivalents: An existing, single faced sign, may be proposed at a new location as a double-faced sign on a single sign structure. An existing double-faced billboard sign cannot be relocated as two (2) single face signs. Applications for billboard sign relocation must reflect the size of the sign that is being replaced or relocated. V-shaped, double face billboard signs shall be considered a single sign structure as long as the angle between the sign faces does not exceed thirty-five degrees (35°).

~~DC~~. Prohibited Off Premises Signs: There shall be ~~no~~ permits issued for any new off premises signs ~~or billboards~~ for any property within the Payette city limits. Off premises signs erected along the State Highway corridors must be in compliance with State regulations, and a permit for such sign issued by the Idaho Transportation Department shall be provided to the City prior to construction. Existing off premises signs or billboards shall be allowed to continue subject to the following set out limitations. Those signs or billboards may be moved within the city limits.

~~e~~1. Distance And Spacing Requirements:

~~1~~a. No off-premises sign may be moved to within ~~one thousand~~ six hundred feet (~~1,000~~ 600') in any direction of another off premises sign.

2. Sign faces and measurements.

a. Single-Face Sign. A single-face sign is one with advertising on only one surface of the sign.

b. Double-Face Sign. A double-face sign is one with advertising on two surfaces back-to-back.

c. The size of a sign shall be the entire area within any type of parameter or border which encloses the outer limits of any writing, representation, emblem, figure, or character, and shall be no larger than four feet by eight feet (4' x 8').

~~23~~. In addition to finding that a proposed off premises sign complies with all general requirements and

spacing regulations as described in this chapter, the ~~commission~~ City must make all of the following findings in permitting such a sign:

- a. The location and placement of the sign will not endanger motorists or pedestrians and does not cause undue distraction to traffic on the adjacent street or impede views at street or railroad intersections.
- b. The sign will not cover or blanket any prominent view of a structure or facade of historical or architectural significance.
- c. The sign will not obstruct view or uses of adjacent building to side yards, front yards or to open space.
- d. The sign will not distract, intrude upon or negatively impact the visual quality of a public open space such as a public recreation facility, square, plaza, courtyard and the like.
- e. The sign is compatible with building heights of the existing neighborhood and does not impose a foreign or inharmonious element to an existing skyline.
- f. The sign's lighting will not cause hazardous or unsafe driving conditions for motorists and will not glare, reflect or spill onto adjacent business or residential areas.

~~F. Directional Off Premises Signs:~~

~~1. A directional off premises sign is one that identifies a premises not located on the same property as the sign and gives directional information to the reader to the offsite location.~~

~~a. Such a sign may be freestanding or flush wall mounted. It may or may not be illuminated.~~

~~b. A directional off premises sign shall not be constructed until the builder has first obtained a conditional use permit for the sign.~~

GD. Moving Signs: No nonaccessory, off premises, general advertising signs of the billboard category may be moved without first obtaining a conditional use permit from the planning and zoning commission. No sign which is permitted by this section shall be constructed without first obtaining a building permit from the city building official.

Section 2. This Ordinance may be published in summary form allowed by Idaho Code.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by the laws of the State of Idaho.

Section 4. Any ordinances or resolutions which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only insofar as the conflict exists.


Section 5. If any portion of this Ordinance should be found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall be applied to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Payette, Idaho this 19th day of December, 2022.

CITY OF PAYETTE, IDAHO

BY 
Craig L. Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

