

ORDINANCE NO. 14-1003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15: BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, CHAPTER 15.28 SIGNS OF THE OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City has adopted a sign ordinance to limit and review the amount of signage allowed within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon City Municipal Code may be amended and updated as necessary with the appropriate approval; and

WHEREAS, the proposed chapter 15.28 will replace the existing chapter 15.28 of the Oregon City Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, as demonstrated in the staff report and findings for Legislative file L 14-01, the proposed code is consistent with state statutes and the goals and policies of the Oregon City Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the sign code amendments will allow signs compatible with the character and uses allowed in zoning districts in which they are regulated and enhance the scenic and other aesthetic qualities of the City; and

WHEREAS, the sign code amendments will support the economic development of City businesses and allow citizens and business the freedom to express their needs or views without unnecessary interference; and

WHEREAS, the sign code amendments will maintain the safe movement of people and emergency services and the effectiveness of traffic control signs throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the sign code amendments are not intended to regulate the content of signs in any way; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon City Planning Commission and City Commission held a series of publicly noticed work sessions and hearings to review the proposed chapter 15.28; and

WHEREAS, based on the oral and written testimony received at the public hearings, the Planning and City Commission voted to approve the proposed changes to the Oregon City Municipal code; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission intends to delay the effective date of the sign code amendments until November 1, 2015, to allow the City staff time to educate the community on the new regulations before enforcing the new code.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 15.28 of the Oregon City Municipal Code as identified in Exhibit 1, is hereby adopted based on the findings contained in Exhibit 2, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 20th day of May, 2015, and the City Commission finally enacted the foregoing ordinance this 20th day of May, 2015.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 20th day of May 2015,

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney

Exhibits:

Exhibit 1 – Chapter 15.28 of the Oregon City Municipal Code

Exhibit 2 - Staff Report and findings for Legislative File L 14-01