

STAFF REPORT

Sign Code Update (CMC 18.15) File No. MC19-03

TO Bryan Beel, Chair

Planning Commission

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Summary

Chapter 18.15 – Signs of the Camas Municipal Code was adopted November of 2010 with minor code changes adopted January of 2014. The intent behind the adoption was to regulate the construction, location, and maintenance of signs and how they affect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people. City Council found that the size, number, lighting and movement of signs diverted attention of public street users.

Electronic message board signs have been brought to staffs attention regarding the distraction and aesthetic value due to the advances in technology. Electronic message board signs, also considered animated and LED signs, utilize changes in lights and movement to create a message, scene or special effect.

The attachment contains the research staff has gathered from neighboring jurisdictions. The chart organizes each cities regulations on electronic message board signs into categories such as permitted zones, locations, design, animations and hours of operation.

Staff has not brought forward specific changes to the sign code, however staff is requesting direction on the potential changes to the sign code and what the Commission would like staff to bring forward for workshop next month.

Recommendation

Staff requests direction from the Commission regarding potential changes to the sign code (CMC18.15).