

Docket No.	Project Name	Brief Description of Suggested Amendment	Who Suggested Amendment	Staff Lead	Staff Recommendation
16-06	KCC Chapter 17.70 Signs	KCC Section 17.70.040 Exempt Signs	Staff	CDS	Approve

Kittitas County Community Development Services proposes amending KCC Chapter 17.70 to revise the sign code in response to USSC ruling in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*. Staff recommends the following revisions to KCC 17.70.040, Exempt Signs, to remove the regulations relating to political signs and construction and real estate signs:

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Kittitas County Code Title 17 Zoning, amendments to Section 17.70.040, are proposed as follows:

17.70.040 Exempt signs.

The following signs do not require a permit and are exempt from the application, permit, and fee requirements of this Title. This shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility of erecting and maintaining it in conformance with the intent of this chapter or other applicable law or ordinances.

1. Official flags, emblems and/or insignia and including the flagpole of any governmental unit and internationally or nationally recognized organizations;
2. Official and legal notices by any court, public body, persons or officer in performance of a public duty, or in giving any legal notice;
3. Directional, warning, regulatory, or information signs or structures required or authorized by law; or by federal, state, county, or city authority;
- ~~4. Political signs not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet which, during a campaign, advertise a candidate for public elective office, a political party, or promote a position of a public issue, provided such signs are not posted in a county right of way and are removed within thirty days following the election;~~
- ~~5. Construction and real estate signs not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet in area;~~
- ~~6.~~4. All temporary signs, provided such signs shall not be displayed for more than sixty (60) days, and provided they do not exceed thirty-two square (32) feet in area;
- ~~7.~~5. Structures intended for a separate use such as phone booths, donation collection containers or other similar structures;
- ~~8.~~6. Gravestones;
- ~~9.~~7. Non-commercial artistic images painted on or affixed to a building, including barn quilts & old commercial signs as long as the intent of the sign is that of decoration and not advertisement;
- ~~10.~~9. Farm, ranch, or single family residence identification sign;
- ~~11.~~10. Painting or repainting an advertising structure; changing the advertising copy message thereon, unless structural change is made; or replacing the illumination bulbs or equipment on a sign without changing illumination characteristics.
- ~~12.~~11. One sign less than four (4) square feet in area not otherwise addressed within this chapter;
- ~~13.~~12. Farm product identification signs, provided they do not exceed ten (10) square feet in area;
- ~~14.~~13. Grand openings and special event signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet which would include banners, streamers and temporary signs, provided they do not exceed a period of more than thirty-five (35) days, and provided they do not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular travel;
- ~~15.~~14. One (1) A-frame or sandwich board sign, provided the sign is no taller than forty-eight (48) inches and no wider than thirty (30) inches, and provided that one (1) such sign shall be allowed per business/use and only be placed in front of that business/use during business hours.