

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 280

AN ORDINANCE regulating the erection of signs, billboards and other advertising devices, and providing for the issuance of permits therefor, and repealing Ordinance No. 76.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions: "Commercial sign" shall mean any exterior sign, billboard, banner, streamer or other device for advertising or attracting attention of prospective patrons, customers, users, purchasers of property or recipients of service for sale or hire.

"Non-commercial sign" shall mean any exterior residential name plate, ornamental or otherwise, erected for the purpose of identifying a residence; or permanent sign for naming and identifying an institution, semi-public, public or recreational development or building, or an apartment building or a subdivision.

"Public sign" shall mean a sign of interest and benefit to the general public, such as a directional sign designating routes or location; traffic control sign such as "Stop", "Speed Limit", etc.; safety sign such as "School Crossing", "Bus Loading", etc.; special event sign or device such as "Firemen's Ball", Fourth of July or Christmas decorations, "U.G.N." or "Red Cross" drives, etc.

"Real estate sign" shall mean any sign employed by real estate brokers or agents or home owners for the purpose of attracting attention to real estate.

"Licensing official" shall mean the Bellevue City Engineer, or his duly authorized representative, who shall issue permits, establish regulations, be charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, and who shall make such other administrative determinations as are required hereunder.

Section 2. A permit from the licensing official shall be required for the erection or maintenance of any public sign, or any sign 32 square feet or larger as required by Section 1501 of the Uniform Building Code, as amended by Section 11 of Ordinance No. 166.

Section 3. Such sign permit shall contain the name of the person to whom the permit is issued, the location at which the sign is to be erected and maintained, the period of time for which said permit shall be valid and such other data as may be required by regulations to identify the purpose, type, size and character of the sign.

Section 4. In all districts classified as "residential", non-commercial and real estate signs shall be permitted.

Section 5. In all districts classified other than residential, commercial signs shall be permitted, provided that said signs comply with the zoning regulations for buildings and with the requirements of the City Building Code.

Section 6. On public land or in public rights of way permanent or temporary public signs only may be permitted, subject to the regulations prescribed by the Bellevue Traffic Code and the Traffic Engineer.

Section 7. No commercial signs shall be located on any property other than that property upon which the advertised business is located.

Section 8. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than \$50.00 or sentenced to not more than 30 days in jail or both; provided, that a separate offense shall be deemed to be committed for each day after the licensing official notifies the violator of the existence of a sign in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Ordinance No. 76 passed on the 9th day of November, 1954 is hereby repealed.

Section 10. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council on this 23rd day of December, 1958, and signed in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of December, 1958.

Approved as to form:

Mayor

[Signature]
City Attorney

(SEAL)

Attest:

[Signature]
City Clerk

FILED
CITY OF BELLEVUE
DATE Nov. 24, 1958
CITY CLERK [Signature]

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