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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 3525

AN ORDINANCE relating to signs and amending  
Bellevue City Code (Sign Code) 22B.10.130.

WHEREAS, non-profit sponsored community fairs, festivals or events promote the special character of the City Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Bellevue to support such community activities; and

WHEREAS, signing of such community activities is necessary for their success and contributes to the special nature of the activity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the State Environmental Policy Act and with the Bellevue Environmental Procedures Code; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Bellevue City Code (Sign Code) 22B.10.130 is amended to read as follows:

22B.10.130 Exempt signs or displays.

The following signs or displays are exempted from coverage under this code:

- A. Traffic or pedestrian control signs or signals, or signs indicating scenic or historic points of interest, which are erected by or on the order of a public officer in the performance of his public duty;
- B. Signs required by law;
- C. Official public notices, official court notices or official sheriff's notices;
- D. The flag of a government or noncommercial institutions such as schools;

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- E. Exterior signs or displays not visible from streets or ways open to the public;
- F. Signs in the interior of a building more than three feet from the closest window or not facing a window;
- G. Plaques, tablets or inscriptions indicating the name of a building, its date of erection, or other commemorative information, which are an integral part of the building structure or are attached flat to the face of the building, which are nonilluminated, and which do not exceed three square feet in surface area;
- H. "No trespassing," "no dumping," "no parking," "private," and other informational warning signs, which shall not exceed three square feet in surface area;
- I. Reasonable seasonal decorations within the appropriate public holiday season. However, such displays shall be removed promptly at the end of the public holiday season;
- J. The flag of a commercial institution. No more than one flag is permitted per business premises, the flag shall not exceed twenty square feet in surface area, and shall be left loose to fly in the breeze;
- K. Sculptures, fountains, mosaics and design features which do not incorporate advertising or identification;
- L. Sandwich-board signs worn by a person while walking the public ways of the city;
- M. Existing theater marquees (freestanding and/or building-mounted).
- N. Reasonable temporary decorations and signs for the purpose of announcing or promoting a non-profit sponsored community fair, festival or event. Such decorations and signs may be displayed no more than 14 calendar days prior to and during the fair, festival or event.

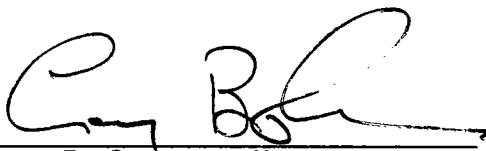
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If approved by the Public Works Department such decorations or signs may be located on or over the public right-of-way. All decorations and signs must be removed within five calendar days following the end of the fair, festival or event.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after final passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1985, and signed in authentication of its passage this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1985.

(SEAL)

  
Cary E. Bozeman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney

  
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Attest:

  
Marie K. O'Connell, City Clerk

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