

**CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1058-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
CHAPTER 17.22A OF THE CONNELL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTIONS
17.22A.050 AND 17.22A.060 RELATING TO SIGN MAINTENANCE, REMOVAL, AND
PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Connell finds that Chapter 17.22A of the Connell Municipal Code regulates signs within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that vacant commercial properties and deteriorating sign structures create visual blight and may pose risks to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to establish clear maintenance standards and enforcement penalties to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNELL,
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. ADDITION OF SECTION 17.22A.050.

Chapter 17.22A of the Connell Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new section, Section 17.22A.050, to read as follows:

17.22A.050 Maintenance & Removal of Signs.

Any vacant commercial building signs and/or unused sign support structures, poles, or other remnants of old signs which are not currently in use or not proposed for immediate reuse shall be removed.

In addition to the remedies provided in this Title, the City shall have the authority to require the repair, maintenance, or removal of any sign or sign structure that has become dilapidated or represents a hazard to the safety, health, or welfare of the public, at the cost of the sign owner and/or property owner.

SECTION 2. ADDITION OF SECTION 17.22A.060.

Chapter 17.22A of the Connell Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new section, Section 17.22A.060, to read as follows:

17.22A.060 Violation – Penalties.

- (a) Any person found to be in violation of any provision of this chapter shall be deemed to have committed a civil infraction and, for each infraction, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

- (b) Each month a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation subject to the civil penalty set forth above.
- (c) Court costs, as deemed appropriate by the Municipal Court Judge, shall be assessed in addition to any other fine, penalty, cost, or statutory assessment imposed.

SECTION 3. CODIFICATION.

The City Clerk is authorized to codify this Ordinance as part of the Connell Municipal Code and to correct clerical errors consistent with the intent of this Ordinance.

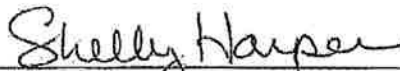
SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication in the City's official newspaper as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY of CONNELL, WASHINGTON, and approved by the Mayor on this 4th day of March, 2026.


Shelly Harper, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marissa Ortiz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Heidi Ellerd, City Attorney

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