

**TOWN OF ROCKFORD
ORDINANCE 26-02 AMENDING SIGN REGULATIONS**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING
AMENDMENTS TO THE SIGN REGULATIONS**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Rockford, in the State of Washington, as follows:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “ARTICLE II SIGN REGULATIONS” of the Rockford Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

BEFORE AMENDMENT

ARTICLE II SIGN REGULATIONS

AFTER AMENDMENT

ARTICLE II SIGN REGULATIONS

Sec 13.12.210 Abandoned Sign

SECTION 2: **AMENDMENT** “Sec 13.12.110 Prohibited Signs” of the Rockford Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

BEFORE AMENDMENT

Sec 13.12.110 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited:

- (a) Signs which by coloring, shape, wording or location resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or devices;
- (b) Signs that create a safety hazard for pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- (c) Flashing signs;
- (d) Portable signs, except A-frame signs and reader boards specifically allowed pursuant to this Code;
- (e) Signs located within the public right-of-way, except official signs and except bus benches placed pursuant to an agreement with the Town;
- (f) Signs attached to or placed on a vehicle or trailer parked on public or private property, provided that this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting the identification of a business or its product on a vehicle operating during the normal course of business;

- (g) Signs obstructing visibility within any clearview triangle as established in this Code;
- (h) Billboards except when permitted as provided in this Code;
- (i) Off-premises signs, except off-premises directional signs allowed pursuant to this Code;
- (j) Temporary signs unless specifically allowed pursuant to this Code;
- (k) Abandoned signs and sign structures.

(Ord. No. 19-03, § 3.1.01, 9-4-2019)

AFTER AMENDMENT

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- (j) Temporary signs unless specifically allowed pursuant to this Code;
- (k) Abandoned signs and sign structures. An abandoned sign means any permanent sign or portion thereof that advertises, identifies, or directs attention to a business, commercial activity, product, service, or organization that has permanently ceased operating on the premises for a period of more than ninety (90) consecutive days. The continued display of an abandoned sign beyond the time allowed for compliance, (RMC 13.12.180), shall constitute a public nuisance. Failure to comply with this section shall constitute a civil violation. Penalties for violations shall be assessed in accordance with the Town's adopted Fee Schedule and may continue to accrue until the violation has been corrected.

Exceptions ~~to the code are~~ to this section are as follows:

(1) Property Offered for Sale or Lease. The property is actively listed for sale or lease with the intent of securing a new occupant, provided the sign does not create a safety

hazard or otherwise violate this Code.

(2) Building Renovation or Change of Occupancy. The building is undergoing remodeling, tenant improvements, or other construction activity in preparation for occupancy by a new business, and the sign is expected to be replaced or modified upon completion.

(3) Historic or Cultural Significance. The sign has been determined by the Town Council to possess historic, architectural, or cultural significance that contributes to the character or history of the Town. Such signs may remain, provided they are maintained in a safe condition.

(4) Temporary Extension. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee may grant a one-time extension of up to ninety (90) additional days upon written request by the property owner when circumstances beyond the owner's reasonable control prevent timely compliance or when removal would create an unnecessary hardship. Any request for an extension shall be submitted prior to the expiration of the original compliance period.

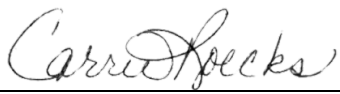
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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 05, 2026.

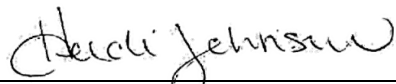
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Councilmember Micki Harnois	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Walt Whitman	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Clint Stevenson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Councilmember Kevin Willms	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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