

ORDINANCE NO. 980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 17.10.020 OF THE CITY OF BREWSTER MUNICIPAL CODE (DISTRICT USE CHART) TO INCLUDE CHURCHES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP AS PERMITTED USES WITHIN ALL COMMERCIAL ZONES; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Brewster Municipal Code currently identifies churches and religious establishments as an allowed use within the Central Business (C-1) zoning district, but a prohibited use within the Mixed Commercial/Light Industrial (C-2) zoning district;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to align the regulation of churches and religious establishments within both designated commercial zoning districts;

WHEREAS, the appropriately noticed public hearing was held before the City Council on March 19, 2026 at a regular meeting to consider the changes to the Brewster Municipal Code as set forth in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council provided notice of its intention to approve this Ordinance to the State of Washington Department of Commerce as required by law and no comments were received or the time for comments has expired; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that passing this Ordinance is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City, NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 17.10.020 of the Brewster Municipal Code is hereby amended (in part) to include churches as a permitted use in the C-2 Zone as follows:

17.10.020 District Use Chart

Use District	R-1	R-2	C-1	C-2	HI	PU	AI	Remarks
Public and Quasi-Public Land Uses								
Churches	CUP	A	A	A	P	P	P	

Section 2. Except as modified herein, the remainder of the District Use Chart set forth in Section 17.10.020 BMC remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

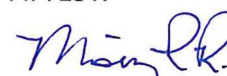
Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a summary of this Ordinance consisting of the title.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days from the date of approval and publication.

APPROVED:


MAYOR ART SMYTH

ATTEST:


MISTY RUIZ, CITY CLERK/FINANCE DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JULIE K. NORTON
CITY ATTORNEY

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