

EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-2

AN EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK REGARDING SIGNAGE ALLOWED IN THE TOWN CENTER ZONE DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.

I. FINDINGS

A. On March 5, 2020, Mayor Jeff Johnson of the City of Lake Forest Park (the "City") proclaimed a local emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak and put into effect the emergency operations of chapter 8.15 Lake Forest Park Municipal Code (LFPMC) and the emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070.

B. Section 8.15.090.A LFPMC authorizes the Mayor to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property" regarding the COVID-19 emergency.

C. Many of the City's businesses are congregated in the Town Center Zone; however, due to the design and layout of the Town Center, many of these businesses are either poorly or not at all visible from the street, making it difficult for those businesses to inform the public if they are open during the COVID-19 emergency.

D. To ease the financial impact on businesses operating in the Town Center Zone during the COVID-19 emergency, this Emergency Order allows these businesses to utilize additional temporary signage during the duration of this Emergency Order.

II. ORDER

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 8.15.090 LFPMC, the Mayor orders as follows:

Temporary Signage Allowed in the Town Center Zone During the COVID-19 Local Emergency

1. Sandwich Boards. Temporary sandwich board signs, as defined in LFPMC 8.15.020, relating to any business in the Town Center Zone shall be permitted while this Emergency Order 2020-2 is in effect, subject to the following requirements:

A. Sandwich board signs shall only be displayed during the hours the business is open to the general public, but in any event no earlier than 8:00 a.m. or later than 7:00 p.m.

B. One sandwich board sign per business is allowed on the Ballinger Way Northeast side of the town center zone, and one sign per business is allowed on the Bothell Way Northeast side of the Town Center Zone.

C. Sandwich board signs shall not be directly or indirectly illuminated.

D. Sandwich board signs may not block sidewalks or driveways, impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or create a hazard to traffic, including but not limited to, impeding visibility of oncoming traffic or causing a tripping hazard.

2. Banners. Temporary banners may be permitted within the Town Center Zone to advertise individual businesses located therein while this Emergency Order 2020-2 is in effect, subject to the following requirements:

A. Banners may be fixed securely to the ground or a building.

B. Banner means a sign composed of flexible material, such as fabric, pliable plastic, or other similar nonrigid material, with no enclosing framework or electrical components and supported or anchored on two or more edges or at all four corners, or along either one edge or two corners with weights installed that reduce the reaction of the sign to wind.

C. One banner per business is allowed on the Ballinger Way Northeast side of the town center zone, and one banner per business is allowed on the Bothell Way Northeast side of the Town Center Zone.

D. Banners shall not be greater than five (5) feet in height, unless attached to the face of the primary building in the Town Center Zone, in which case there is no maximum height restriction so long as the banner does not extend above the roofline of the building. Any banner shall not be larger than a total of thirty-two (32) square feet in size and must be maintained in good condition.

3. Interior Businesses. Each business located in the Town Center Zone that does not front either a parking lot or a street shall be allowed to place one temporary single-faced sign advertising such business on an exterior wall, gable or awning of the building the business occupies, while this Emergency Order 2020-2 is in effect. If the exterior sign is on an exterior wall, its size must be seventy-five (75) square feet or less. If the exterior sign is on a gable or awning, its size must be less than forty (40) square feet.

4. Submittal. The business being advertised on the temporary signage allowed under this Emergency Order must submit the application form required by the City, which shall include the location and dimensions of the sign(s) and business contact information. The City will process these permits on an expedited bases (twenty-four hours or less) and there will be no charge for the temporary sign permits.

5. Duration. This Emergency Order 2020-2 shall remain in effect until September 30, 2020 or as further extended by emergency order.

Signed this 20, May, 2020.



Jeff Johnson
Mayor