

City of Blue Ridge

480 West First Street

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To: Mayor and Council

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From: Blue Ridge Planning Commission

A public hearing was conducted on December 15, 2015. An amendment to the Blue Ridge Sign Ordinance as recommended by the Mayor and Council was considered at the hearing. After careful review and consideration of the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance, the changes were recommended for adoption. A copy of the proposed changes is attached to this recommendation.

Signed,



Roy Parsons

Secretary to the Planning Commission

Proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance of the City of Blue Ridge

1. 17.3-4 c. add i.e. directional signs.
2. 17.4-1a Change Signs within 400 feet of the right of way.. to :**PROPERTY WITH DIRECT FRONTAGE ON HWY 515 ...**
3. 17.5-2 add ...or one pole sign is allowed in CBD.
4. Only those properties zoned CBD with the main building located a minimum of
5. 25' from any street right of way shall be allowed to have a pole sign.
6. The maximum allowable area for a pole sign located in the CBD is 50 sf. including the supporting framework. Dimensions shall not exceed 60" in width and 10' in height. Pole signs shall be limited to a single support pole not to exceed eight inches in diameter or a single 8"x 8" support structure.
7. Pole signs located within the CBD shall have a maximum height of 20' and shall not extend over a public right of way. If the bottom edge of the sign area or framework is less than 10 feet above grade, the edge of the signage area closest to the right of way shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from the street right of way. The placement of any pole sign shall comply with all pertinent codes, i.e. proximity to a power source.
8. 17.7-2 b (2) and (3) Delete.
9. Add projecting signs as permissible signage.
 - a. ~~Projecting signs are allowed in commercial (except C-1) and manufacturing districts.~~
 - b. Projecting signs are allowed in the CBD and are allowed to extend over a pedestrian way, no roadway, provided a clear height of 8' above grade is maintained.
 - c. One projecting sign per façade of a building is allowed.
 - d. The maximum display area, including framework, shall not exceed 6 square feet.
 - e. The horizontal dimension of a projecting sign shall not exceed 3' with the innermost edge of the sign located no more than 1' from the building façade.
 - f. The placement of any projecting sign shall comply with all codes, i.e. electrical system clearance requirements.
 - g. The upper most section of projecting signs shall not exceed 12' above grade.
10. 17.7-2b-1 add as permitted uses for temporary signage, animated signs, pendants and streamers, and balloons. Remove bench sign as prohibited signs.
11. 17.7-3 b. Delete
12. 17.9-2 Penalties. Change (30) to (10) days notice requirement with fines established as the maximum allowed by law.

Note: Changes, if any, may be required to the proposals in order to be properly incorporated into the sign ordinance.