

ORDINANCE NO. 25-20

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending
Richland Municipal Code Title 27: Signs.

WHEREAS, the City of Richland has need, from time to time, to amend the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) to eliminate conflicts and ambiguities, and to bring local ordinances into alignment with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, Title 27 of the Richland Municipal Code addresses Richland's sign code; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, in response to legal developments affecting speech protected by the First Amendment, the City updated Title 27 RMC to come into compliance with *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* and its progeny; and

WHEREAS, the update failed to address the need for placement of governmental signs in the right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 27.04.030, entitled Permits required – Exemptions, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 03-89, and last amended by Ordinance No. 08-19, is hereby amended to read as follows:

27.04.030 Permits required – Exemptions.

Sign permits are required for most permanent and temporary signs. Permit requirements and exemptions are specified below:

A. Permanent Signs. A separate permit shall be required for a sign or signs for each business entity and/or a separate permit for each group of signs on a single supporting structure installed simultaneously. Thereafter, each additional sign erected on the structure must have a separate permit. A sign permit is not required for the following:

1. Signs required by law.
2. Exterior signs or displays not visible from streets or ways open to the public.
3. Signs in the interior of a building which are not visible from any public property or rights-of-way.
4. Plaques, tablets, or inscriptions which are an integral part of the building structure or are attached flat to the face of the building, which are not illuminated and do not exceed 10 square feet in surface area.
5. Signs less than two square feet in surface area.

6. Signs which are painted or mounted on delivery vehicles or other operable commercial vehicles which are generally and primarily used for transportation of commerce.

7. Any sign, posting, or notice placed or installed by municipal, state or federal agencies. For purposes of this Title, the transit authority is a municipal agency.

B. Temporary Signs. The erection, construction, posting, or placement of temporary signs shall require a temporary sign permit. The following temporary signs shall not require a permit:

1. Signs required by law.

2. Sandwich board signs worn by a person while walking the public ways of the city.

3. Changing of a theater marquee or similar sign.

4. Temporary window signs.

5. Signs displayed on a lot with property for sale or rent, provided:

a. That only one such sign is permitted for each public street upon which the property for sale or rent fronts;

b. That in the event a sign qualifies for this exemption, a second temporary sign is also exempt if located within 1,000 feet, measured as the shortest straight line between the property line of the property for sale or rent and the site of the second exempt sign; and

c. That such signs shall not exceed the measurement limitations specified in RMC 27.08.020.

6. Signs displayed on a lot where construction is taking place, provided:

a. That they are removed prior to occupancy approval of the building;

b. That only one such sign is permitted for each public street upon which the construction project fronts; and

c. That such signs shall not exceed the measurement limitations specified in RMC 27.08.020.

7. Noncommercial signs that are made of paper, vinyl, plastic or other nondurable material and which are designed and intended to be displayed for a short period of time; provided, that they conform with the sight obstruction requirements of Chapter 12.11 RMC, do not interfere with or obstruct any traffic control device or in any other manner interfere with the control of traffic on the streets of the city, and are not larger than 32 square feet in area.

C. Number of Signs. Except as provided at RMC 27.08.020, signs not requiring a permit and temporary signs shall not be included as part of the maximum number of signs permitted by this code.

D. Attachments to Signs. Ancillary devices, displays, and attachments not originally a part of the sign for which a permit was issued shall not be added to an existing sign except as provided in this code and pursuant to another sign permit issued by the building inspector.

Section 2. Richland Municipal Code Section 27.08.010, entitled General standards for signs, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 03-89, and last amended by Ordinance No. 08-19, is hereby amended to read as follows:

27.08.010 General standards for signs.

Signs shall be constructed and maintained in compliance with this chapter, the city building code, and all other applicable ordinances. The allowable type of signs, their placement, and other limitations shall be according to the standards established in this section. Provisions for the various use districts under the city comprehensive zoning ordinance may establish standards in addition to, or more restrictive than, the standards in this section.

A. General Provisions.

1. Structural. The structure and erection of signs within the city of Richland shall be governed by the current edition of the Uniform Sign Code as adopted by the city of Richland and by the currently applicable International Building Code as adopted by the city of Richland. Compliance with these adopted codes shall be prerequisite to issuance of a sign permit.

2. Electrical. Electrical requirements for signs within the city of Richland shall be governed by the requirements, standards, rules, and regulations established by the state of Washington and adopted by the city of Richland (Chapter 296-46 WAC). Compliance therewith shall be required by every sign utilizing electrical energy as a prerequisite to issuance of a sign permit.

3. Light and Glare from Signs. Illumination from or upon any sign shall be shaded, shielded, directed, or reduced so as to avoid brightness, glare, or reflection of light in excess of that recommended by the Illumination Society of America to avoid unreasonable distraction by pedestrians or motorists. Illumination shall not exceed that necessary to make the sign visible to the average person on the street adjacent to the sign.

4. Maintenance. All signs shall be constantly maintained in a state of security, safety, and repair. If any sign is found not to be so maintained or is insecurely fastened or otherwise dangerous, it shall be the duty of the owner and/or occupant of the premises on which the sign is fastened to repair or remove the sign within five days after receiving written notice from the sign code administrator.

5. Obstruction. No sign shall be located so as to physically obstruct any door, window, or exit from a building. No sign shall be located so as to be hazardous to a motorist's ingress and egress from parking areas or any way open to the public. No sign shall be located so as to be hazardous to a pedestrian's access to any way open to the public.

6. Inspection. All sign users shall permit periodic inspection of their sign(s) by the city upon request.

7. Conflicting Provisions. Whenever any provisions of this title overlap or conflict with regard to size or placement of a sign, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

B. Specific Provisions.

1. Freestanding Signs. A freestanding sign may be located at the property or building line, provided it complies with Chapter 12.11 RMC (Intersection Sight Distance) and the sign is located entirely behind the property or building line.

2. Building-Mounted Signs. Wall signs shall not extend above the point of intersection of the building wall to which the sign is attached and the building roof except that wall signs may extend to the top of a parapet wall. Wall signs and projecting signs may project over public property within the limits established in Chapter 27.10 RMC (Measurements). The structural support for projecting signs shall be an integral part of the sign design or shall be concealed from view. All structural support for projecting signs shall be entirely from the building wall or parapet from which the sign projects.

3. Marquee Awnings or Canopy Signs. Marquee awnings or canopy signs shall be mounted flat against the face of the marquee or canopy and shall not extend below the bottom face to which attached. One sign per user is permitted on the underside of a marquee or canopy. Such signs shall be mounted perpendicular to the building face and located at the main entrance of use. No other projecting signs relating to the user shall be visible from beneath the marquee or canopy.

4. Window Signs. Window signs shall not be included in determining the number of primary signs nor in determining the permissible sign area for each facade.

5. Roof Signs. All roof signs shall be constructed in such a way that they appear as an architectural blade or penthouse and are finished in such a manner that the visual appearance from all sides is such that they appear to be a part of the building itself. Roof signs shall be erected in such a manner that there is no visible support structure.

[6. Signs, postings, or notices placed or installed by municipal, state or federal agencies may be placed in the right-of-way so long as they comply with Chapter 12.11 RMC. For purposes of this Title, the transit authority is a municipal agency.](#)

C. Signs Prohibited in All Zones. Except where otherwise provided in this chapter, the following signs or displays are prohibited:

1. Signs which are an imitation of or resemble an official traffic sign or signal.
2. A sign that moves or gives the appearance of moving and any sign which flutters, undulates, swings, rotates, oscillates or otherwise moves by natural or artificial means, including any pennant but excluding banners displayed in compliance with the provisions of this title.
3. Signs which, by reason of their size, location, movement, coloring, or manner of illumination, may be confused with or construed as a traffic control sign, signal, or device, or the light of an emergency vehicle, or which obstruct the visibility of any traffic or street sign or signal device.
4. Signs or displays consisting of strings of lights, spinners, twirlers or propellers, flashing, rotating, or blinking lights, flares, balloons, bubble machines, and similar devices of a carnival nature, or containing elements creating sound or smell.
5. Abandoned signs, except as authorized by RMC 27.08.030(I).
6. Signs on utility poles.
7. Search lights, banners, clusters of flags, posters, pennants, and streamers.
8. Billboards.
9. Signs for which a permit is required and which are erected, altered, or relocated without, or in violation of the terms and conditions of, a current and valid permit issued by the city of Richland.
10. Except as otherwise permitted herein, off-premises commercial signs.
11. Except as otherwise permitted herein, portable signs.

Prohibited signs and displays are subject to removal and abatement by the city at the expense of the persons owning or maintaining such sign or display as provided in Chapter 27.12 RMC.

D. Signs Projecting over Public Right-of-Way.

1. Projecting signs extending over public right-of-way shall be erected with clearance and projection limitations as set forth in Chapter 27.10 RMC (Measurements); provided, that in no case shall any sign be permitted to extend beyond the curb line.
2. If a public need arises, any sign permitted to extend over public right-of-way shall be removed or altered within 10 days of receiving written notice from the sign code administrator.

E. Signs near Intersections. All signs located at street or driveway/street intersections shall be placed so as not to constitute a safety hazard and shall be constructed to comply with the requirements of Chapter 12.11 RMC (Intersection Sight Distance). Freestanding signs located at street intersections may be placed at the property line or building line subject to the limitations above.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 5. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 6. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 1st day of September, 2020.


Ryan Lukson, Mayor

Attest:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Date Published: September 6, 2020

STAFF REPORT

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION
FILE NO.: CA2020-103

PREPARED BY: MIKE STEVENS
MEETING DATE: JULY 29, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT: JOE SCHIESSL ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND'S
PARKS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

FILE: CA 2020-103

REQUEST: TEXT AMENDMENT TO RMC SECTION 27.04.030 – PERMITS
REQUIRED - EXEMPTIONS. THE PROPOSED TEXT
AMENDMENT WOULD REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR
OBTAINING A SIGN PERMIT FOR ANY SIGN, POSTING OR
NOTICE PLACED OR INSTALLED BY THE CITY, COUNTY, STATE
OR A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

LOCATION: CITYWIDE

REASON FOR REQUEST

Joe Schiessl on behalf of the City of Richland's Parks and Public Facilities Department has submitted an application to amend the City's sign code so that separate sign permits are not required for the installation of directional signs within the right of way directing motorists to public facilities and points of interest. The City of Richland has been working for several years in conjunction with the Cities of Pasco, Kennewick and West Richland and with the Visit Tri-Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau to create a region-wide wayfinding signage program. The City of Richland's sign code, as currently written, would prevent the installation of the proposed wayfinding signage.

ANALYSIS

As indicated above, the City of Richland has been working for several years in conjunction with the Cities of Pasco, Kennewick and West Richland and with the Visit Tri-Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau to develop a new wayfinding program that would help connect and help direct people new to the area. The City's code, as currently written, would prevent the installation of the proposed wayfinding signage. As a result, Joe Schiessl, Director of the Parks and Public Facilities Department has applied for a proposed text amendment to allow for wayfinding and other forms of governmental signage to be installed without having to obtain a sign permit from the City.

Staff workshopped the proposed code amendment with the Planning Commission on July 8, 2020 and discussed the issue and tentatively agreed on language that would satisfy the City's desire as well as ensure that the signage installed was compliant with the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 decision in the case of Reed v. Town of Gilbert. Compliance was ensured based upon the following:

Any sign, posting, or notice placed or installed by the city, county, state or a federal governmental agency. Signs located within rights of way shall be in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), shall comply with RMC Chapter 12.11 and be approved by the Richland Public Works Department if located within City of Richland right of way.

Since the July 8, 2020 Planning Commission workshop, staff has learned that not all of the proposed signage to be installed as part of the wayfinding program complies with the MUTCD. The proposed wayfinding signs on the federal and state highways will meet the MUTCD green background, white text, and color boxes required for "guide signs – conventional roads", while the local road signs use a different color configuration, which is not consistent with MUTCD, but is consistent with the regional "MERJE" plan which has been approved by each local jurisdiction. MERJE is a graphic design company that has helped dozens of U.S. cities create wayfinding and interpretive signage.

As a result, staff recommends that the proposed code amendment be revised to include reference to the "MERJE" plan that has been approved by each local jurisdiction. The revised language would read as follows:

Any sign, posting, or notice placed or installed by the city, county, state or a federal governmental agency. Signs located within rights of way shall be in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) or locally adopted MERJE plan, shall comply with RMC Chapter 12.11 and be approved by the Richland Public Works Department if located within City of Richland right of way.

PUBLIC NOTICE/ COMMENTS

Notice of the proposed amendment was provided to local and state agencies. Notice was also published in the Tri-Cities Herald, posted at official posting places and on the city's official website. Notice was provided to the Washington State Dept. of Commerce and other state agencies as required by RCW 36.70A.

No substantive comments were received from the public and/or governmental entities as of the date the staff report was prepared.

SEPA

The City of Richland has utilized the Optional DNS Process as outlined in WAC 197-11-355. The end of the public comment period was Thursday, July 23, 2020. A Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued Friday, July 24, 2020.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Over time the need for new uses changes within the City of Richland.

2. Joe Schiessl on behalf of the City of Richland's Parks and Public Facilities Department has submitted an application to amend the City's sign code so that separate sign permits are not required for the installation of directional signs within the right of way directing motorists to public facilities and points of interest.
3. RMC Title 27, as currently written, would prevent the installation of wayfinding signage within the City of Richland.
4. The City of Richland has been working for several years in conjunction with the Cities of Pasco, Kennewick and West Richland and with the Visit Tri-Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau to create a region-wide wayfinding signage program.
5. Staff workshopped the proposed code amendment with the Planning Commission on July 8, 2020.
6. The proposed wayfinding signs on the federal and state highways will meet the MUTCD green background, white text, and color boxes required for "guide signs – conventional roads", while the local road signs use a different color configuration, which is not consistent with MUTCD, but is consistent with the regional "MERJE" plan which has been approved by each local jurisdiction.
7. MERJE is a graphic design company that has helped dozens of U.S. cities create wayfinding and interpretive signage.
8. Notice of the proposed amendment was provided to local and state agencies. Notice was also published in the Tri-Cities Herald, posted at the official posting places and on the city's official website. Notice was provided to the Washington State Dept. of Commerce and other state agencies as required by RCW 36.70A.
9. No substantive comments regarding the proposed code amendment were received.
10. The Washington State Department of Commerce received the 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment and granted expedited review.
11. The City issued a SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-Significance on July 24, 2020.
12. The City of Richland utilized the Optional DNS Process as outlined in WAC 197-11-355. The end of the public comment period was Thursday, July 23, 2020.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Planning Commission has jurisdiction to hold an open record public hearing and issue a recommendation on the proposed ordinance amendment to the City Council.
2. The proposed code amendment is consistent with the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission concur with the findings and conclusions set forth in Staff Report (CA2020-103) and recommend to the City Council adoption of a proposed code amendment to RMC Section 27.04.030 exempting the City, County, State or a Federal Government Agency from having to obtain a sign permit from the City of Richland for emergency warning signs, traffic signs, signs directing the public to points of interest and signs showing the location of public facilities.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend approval of the amendment as proposed;
2. Recommend approval of the amendment, as modified by the Planning Commission.
3. Recommend denial of the amendment;

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the proposed amendment to RMC Section 27.04.030 as modified by the Planning Commission and based upon the above listed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

EXHIBITS

1. Application Materials
2. Draft Code Amendment
3. SEPA DNS & SEPA Checklist
4. Department of Commerce Notice
5. Public Notice and Comments Received



Exhibit 1

City of Richland
Development Services

625 Swift Blvd. MS-35
Richland, WA 99352

(509) 942-7794

(509) 942-7764

Code Amendment Application (Non-Zoning)

Note: A Pre-Application meeting is required prior to submittal of an application.

APPLICANT		<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Person
Company: City of Richland		UBI# n/a
Contact: Joe Schiessl, Director, Parks and Public Facilities Department		
Address: 625 Swift Blvd, Richland, WA		
Phone: 942.7578		Email: jschiessl@ci.richland.wa

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT
The proposed amendment will permit the placement of directional signs in the right of way to direct motorists to public facilities and points of interest.

APPLICATON MUST INCLUDE:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed Application and Filing Fee 2. SEPA Checklist (if necessary)

ANSWER QUESTIONS AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE
Section(s) of code proposed to be amended (include code citation):
27.04.030 Permits required – Exemptions.
<u>7. Any sign, posting, or notice placed or installed by the city, county, state or a federal governmental agency. Signs located within rights of way shall be in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), shall comply with RMC Chapter 12.11 and be approved by the Richland Public Works Department if located within City of Richland right of way.</u>
Summary of requested code amendment(s):
The new language will allow for the City of Richland and other governmental entities to install signage necessary to carry out their missions of providing for the public good.
Reason(s) for code amendment(s):
The Cities of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco are planning a “wayfinding” signage program to direct motorists and pedestrians to various points of interest and destinations. The Cities of Pasco and Kennewick have similarly amended their sign codes.

Is the proposed amendment consistent with the applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Plan? Is a Comprehensive Plan amendment necessary to implement the proposed amendment?

Yes, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

No, a Comprehensive Plan amendment is not necessary.

Does the proposed amendment bear a substantial relation to the public health, safety, welfare and protection of the environment? Please explain:

Yes, conveying information to motorists and pedestrians for points of interest and public facilities is based in the protection of public health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:

1. I have read and examined this permit application. The information provided in this application contains no misstatement of fact.
2. I am an owner(s), authorized agent(s) of an owner(s), or I am currently a licensed contractor or specialty contractor under Chapter 18.27 RCW, or I am exempt from the requirements of the Chapter 18.27 RCW.

Note: This application will not be processed unless the above certification is endorsed by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or the owner(s) themselves. If the City of Richland has reason to believe that erroneous information has been supplied by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or by the owner(s) themselves, processing of the application may be suspended.

Applicant Printed Name: Joe Schiessl, Director of Parks and Public Facilities

Applicant Signature:  Date 4.9.2020

Exhibit 2

ORDINANCE NO. XXX-20

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Section 27.04.030, Permits Required - Exemptions, related to signs not requiring a City of Richland sign permit.

WHEREAS, from time to time the City has need to update its development regulations; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2020, the Richland Planning Commission conducted a public hearing regarding modifications to the land use table contained within RMC Section 27.04.030; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Planning Commission recommends that the following changes be made to RMC Section 27.04.030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 18th day of August, 2020.

RYAN LUKSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JENNIFER ROGERS, City Clerk

HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

Date Published: _____

Exhibit 3



File No. EA2020-111

CITY OF RICHLAND Determination of Non-Significance

Description of Proposal: Text amendment to RMC Section 27.04.030 – Permits Required - Exemptions. The proposed text amendment would allow various types of governmental signs such as: Emergency warning signs, traffic signs, signs directing the public to points of interest and signs showing the location of public facilities to be installed without permit approval from the City of Richland.

Proponent: Joe Schiessl, Director, City of Richland Parks and Public Facilities Department

Location of Proposal: City-Wide.

Lead Agency: City of Richland

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

() There is no comment for the DNS.

() This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen days from the date of issuance.

(X) This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

Responsible Official: Mike Stevens

Position/Title: Planning Manager

Address: 625 Swift Blvd., MS #35, Richland, WA 99352

Date: July 24, 2020

Signature _____

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

**Richland Municipal Code Amendment
Chapter 27.04.030, (Sign) Permits required - exemptions.**

2. Name of applicant:

City of Richland
Joe Schiessl
Parks and Public Facilities Director

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

City of Richland
625 Swift Blvd
Richland, WA 99352
(509) 942-7578

4. Date checklist prepared:

April 9, 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Richland

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Upon adoption by Richland City Council

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No, this is a stand alone text amendment.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

None other than this SEPA Checklist. The City of Richland Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code were prepared through an EIS process.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

The proposed text amendment will be adopted via ordinance by the Richland City Council.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The proposed text amendment to Chapter 27.04.030 will allow signs directing the public to points of interest and showing the location of public facilities as exempt from sign permit.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or

boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The proposed text amendment will apply to all areas of the City.

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

N/A as this is a text amendment only. There are various geographic features within Richland city limits.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

3. **Water** [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The Columbia and Yakima Rivers are within Richland city limits.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

N/A as this is a text amendment only. Various types of vegetation exist within Richland city limits.

___deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

___evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

___shrubs

___grass

___pasture

___crop or grain

___Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

___wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

___water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

___other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The Richland Municipal Code has provisions for the protection of threatened and endangered species.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

5. *Animals* [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

N/A as this is a text amendment only. Various birds and other animals are present within Richland city limits.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

The City of Richland is located within the Mid-Columbia Flyway.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

6. *Energy and Natural Resources* [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

7. *Environmental Health* [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)?

Indi-

cate what hours noise would come from the site.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

N/A as this is a text amendment only. There are a variety of land uses within Richland city limits.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.
N/A as this is a text amendment only. There are numerous structures located within Richland city limits.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
N/A as this is a text amendment only. There are a variety of zoning classifications within Richland city limits.
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
N/A as this is a text amendment only. There are a variety of land use classifications within Richland city limits.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
N/A as this is a text amendment only. Portions of the City are located within the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Master Program; however, this text amendment will not result in any physical alterations of the land.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
N/A as this is a text amendment only. There are a number of critical areas within Richland city limits.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- I. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
N/A as this is a text amendment only. There are a variety of recreational opportunities within Richland city limits.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

15. Public Services [help]

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

16. Utilities [help]

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
N/A as this is a text amendment only.

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

1. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

N/A as this is a text amendment only.

C. Signature [HELP]

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____

Name of signee:

Joe Schiessl

Position and Agency/Organization: Parks and Public Facilities Director

Date Submitted:

April 9, 2020

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

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2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

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3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks,

wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

6. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

N/A as this is a text amendment only. The proposal consists only of an amendment to Chapter 27.04.030, (sign) permits required - exemptions, of the Richland Municipal Code. Any project will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.



Department of Commerce

Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment / Notice of Adoption Cover Sheet

Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, the following jurisdiction provides the following required state agency notice.

1. Jurisdiction Name:	City of Richland – Development Services Dept.
2. Select Submittal Type: Select the Type of Submittal listed. (Select One Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> 60-Day Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request of Expedited Review / Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Submittal for existing Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Final Adoption of Amendment.
3. Amendment Type: Select Type of Amendment listed. (Select One Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Plan Amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development Regulation Amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Areas Ordinance Amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Combined Comprehensive and Development Regulation Amendments. <input type="checkbox"/> Countywide Planning Policy .
4. Description Enter a brief description of the amendment. Begin your description with “Proposed” or “Adopted”, based on the type of Amendment you are submitting. Examples: <i>“Proposed comprehensive plan amendment for the GMA periodic update.”</i> or <i>“Adopted Ordinance 123, adoption amendment to the sign code.”</i> (Maximum 400 characters).	<p>Proposed amendment to RMC Section 27.04.030.A.7, Permits required - Exemptions.</p> <p>The proposed amendment to Section 27.04.030 would exempt public entities from having to obtain a sign permit from the City of Richland.</p>



Department of Commerce

5. Is this action part of your 8-year periodic update required under RCW 36.70A.130 of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
6. Proposed Dates: Enter the anticipated public hearing date(s) for your Planning Commission/Planning Board or for your Council/Commission.	Planning Commission: July 29, 2020 City Council: August 18, 2020 & Sept. 1, 2020 Proposed / Date of Adoption: Sept. 1, 2020
7. Contact Information:	
A. Prefix/Salutation: <i>(Examples: "Mr.", "Ms.", or "The Honorable" (elected official))</i>	Mr.
B. Name:	Mike Stevens
C. Title:	Planning Manager
D. Email:	mstevens@ci.richland.wa.us
E. Work Phone:	(509) 942-7596
F. Cell/Mobile Phone: <i>(optional)</i>	
Consultant Information:	
G. Is this person a consultant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
H. Consulting Firm name?	
8. Would you like Commerce to contact you for Technical Assistance regarding this submitted amendment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

REQUIRED: Attach or include a copy of the proposed amendment text or document(s). We do not accept a website hyperlink requiring us to retrieve external documents. Jurisdictions must submit the actual document(s) to Commerce. If you experience difficulty, please email the reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov

Questions? Call the review team at (509) 725-3066.



Exhibit 5

CITY OF RICHLAND NOTICE OF APPLICATION, PUBLIC HEARING AND OPTIONAL DNS (CA2020-103 & EA2020-111)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Richland is proposing a text amendment to RMC Section 27.04.030 – Permits Required - Exemptions. The proposed text amendment would allow various types of governmental signs such as: Emergency warning signs, traffic signs, signs directing the public to points of interest and signs showing the location of public facilities to be installed without permit approval from the City of Richland.

Pursuant to Richland Municipal Code (RMC) Section 19.20 the Richland Planning Commission will conduct a virtual public hearing and review of the application at 6:00 p.m., July 29, 2020. All interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony during the virtual public hearing. Access to the virtual public hearing can be obtained by visiting the City of Richland website at www.ci.richland.wa.us.

Environmental Review: The proposal is subject to environmental review. The City of Richland is lead agency for the proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a determination of non-significance (DNS) for this project. The optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed development. The environmental checklist and related file information are available to the public and can be viewed in the Development Services Division Office or City of Richland website www.ci.richland.wa.us.

Any person desiring to express his views or to be notified of any decisions pertaining to this application should notify Mike Stevens, Planning Manager, 625 Swift Blvd., MS-35, Richland, WA 99352. Comments may also be faxed to (509) 942-7764 or emailed to mstevens@ci.richland.wa.us. Written comments should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020 to be incorporated into the staff report. Comments received after that date will be entered into the record at the hearing.

Copies of the staff report and recommendation will be available in the Development Services Division Office or City of Richland website www.ci.richland.wa.us beginning Friday, July 24, 2020.

Stevens, Mike

From: Boring, Michael
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Stevens, Mike
Subject: RE: CA 2020-103 City of Richland Sign Code Amendment

Hello Mike,

Please be aware that a building permit maybe needed for monument and pole signs. The IBC does not provide an exception for signs.

Best regards,

Michael

From: Stevens, Mike <mstevens@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:42 AM
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Mr. Stevens,

The KID supports this amendment. Please call out the Kennewick Irrigation District by name in bullet 7.

Thanks,
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