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## ***CHANGES TO SISTERS DEVELOPMENT CODE***

The City of Sisters initiated a land use application (file no. TA 14-06) to establish changes to the City's Development Code, specifically affecting Chapter 3.4 – Signs and Chapter 5.1 – Variances. The following updates, effective June 15, 2015, are summarized below. The changes have been broken down into three types including, deletions, additions and modifications.

The following text was **deleted** from Chapter 3.4:

- The general provision dictating signage to be in proportion with and visually related to the architectural character of the building per former Section 3.4.400.A.
- The general provision dictating the preferred shape for signs per former Section 3.4.400.C.
- Shaded block or ornamental lettering and raised or routed block letters as lettering techniques per former Sections 3.4.400.F.2 and 3.4.400.F.3.
- Excepting wind signs from needing a permit per former Section 3.4.500.A.20.
- Prohibiting paper or cardboard signs or posters per former Section 3.4.600.Q.
- Prohibiting monument signs in the Downtown Commercial District within former section 3.4.900.B.4.a.
- Prohibiting directory signs from being free standing in the Downtown Commercial District within section 3.4.900.B.5.A.
- Historical signs and wayfinding signs were removed under the previous sections 3.4.1100 and 3.4.1200.

The following text was **added** to Chapter 3.4:

- Permitted sign materials now include dimensional lumber and metal per Section 3.4.400.D.
- Signs shall be non-reflective materials and paint per Section 3.4.400.J.
- Development signs of up to 32 square feet not requiring a sign permit are allowed in all zones per Section 3.4.500.A.5.
- Menu signs and chalkboard signs not requiring a sign permit per Sections 3.4.500.A.17 and 3.4.500.A.18. Chalkboard signs are also exempt from the 1880s font.
- Public signs not requiring a sign permit to include kiosks, safety signs and street signs per Section 3.4.500.19.
- Illuminated informational signs are prohibited from being within 6 feet of inside windows per Section 3.4.600.J.
- Wind signs are prohibited per Section 3.4.600.L.
- Roof signs may not exceed the height of the existing building or structure per Section 3.4.600.P.
- Roof signs are permitted in 3.4.900.B with details on size restrictions referenced in 3.4.900.B.1.h.
- Allowing monument signs in the Downtown Commercial District within section 3.4.900.B.4.
- One building identification sign is now allowed per Section 3.4.900.B.9.
- Additional criteria affecting off-site temporary signage have been added to Section 3.4.1000.G.

The following text was **altered** in Chapter 3.4:

- Construction signs not requiring a sign permit changed from allowing up to 12 square feet of sign area to 6 square feet of sign area per Section 3.4.500.A.
- Temporary subdivision signs of up to 32 square feet not requiring a sign permit are no longer referenced in Section 3.4.900. This has been moved to Section 3.4.500.
- Temporary unlighted subdivision directional signs not exceeding 16 square feet are no longer referenced in Section 3.4.900. This has been moved to Section 3.4.500.
- Reference to hanging signs removed from Section 3.4.900.B.1(a) and 3.4.900.B.1(g) and moved to 3.4.900.B.10.
- Section 3.4.900.B.1.d.2 has been modified to include “fifty (50) square feet in area per sign per elevation”.
- Section 3.4.900.B.1.f.1 has been modified to allow 16 square foot projecting signs.
- Section 3.4.900.B.6. has been modified to allow shopping center signage to be in compliance with Section 3.4.900.B.

- The terms dictating on-site temporary signage was modified in Section 3.4.1000.B.

The following text was **altered** in Chapter 5.1:

- Section 5.1.300 has been modified to allow up to 20 percent difference in sign size.