

**Department of Community and Economic Development  
Planning Division  
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY/CODE INTERPRETATION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
POLICY/CODE**

**INTERPRETATION #:** CI-63

**MUNICIPAL  
CODE SECTIONS:**

RMC 4-4-100F Signs within Shoreline Areas – Special Requirements

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**SUBJECT:**

Signage located within the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) jurisdiction.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently the City's adopted sign regulations contain special requirements for signs located within shoreline areas. These regulations were adopted under Ord. 3858 on 11/5/1984. Since the adoption of these regulations, the City has updated its Shoreline Master Program, most recently under Ord. 5633 on 10/24/2011.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The City's current Shoreline Master Program was reviewed by the Department of Ecology (DOE) and has been determined to be consistent with Best Available Science. The language adopted within the Sign Code for signage located within shoreline areas has not been reviewed by DOE and is not consistent with the language adopted under the City's current Shoreline Master Program. The City's current Shoreline Master Program includes regulations regarding lighting and view protection, which would be applicable to signage located within shoreline jurisdiction.

**DECISION:**

Delete RMC 4-4-100F Signs within Shoreline Areas – Special Requirements from the Sign Regulations as the language has not been updated and the current Shoreline Master Program includes regulations on lighting and view protection which would be applicable to signs.

**ADMINISTRATOR  
APPROVAL:**

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C. E. "Chip" Vincent

**DATE:**

February 11, 2015

**APPEAL  
PROCESS:**

To appeal this determination, a written appeal--accompanied by the required filing fee--must be filed with the City's Hearing Examiner (1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057, 425-430-6515) no more than 14 days from the date of this decision. Your submittal should explain the basis for the appeal. Section 4-8-110 of the Renton Municipal Code provides further information on the appeal process.

**CODE  
AMENDMENTS  
NEEDED TO  
IMPLEMENT  
DETERMINATIONS:**

**4-4-100 SIGN REGULATIONS:**

**~~F. SIGNS WITHIN SHORELINE AREAS — SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:~~**

~~**1. View Impairment Prohibited:** Visual access to water and shoreline from vistas and viewpoints shall not be impaired by the placement of signs. Where feasible, signs are to be constructed against existing buildings or structures to minimize visual obstruction of the water and shoreline.~~

~~**2. Location, Size and Type Limitations:** Outdoor advertising signs are to be limited to areas of high intensity industrial and commercial use, are to be stationary, nonblinking, and of a size commensurate with the structure to which they are fixed. Off premises and nonappurtenant signs are prohibited on the shoreline.~~

~~**3. Illuminated, Freestanding and Roof Signs Prohibited:** Illuminated or freestanding signs, or any signs extending above rooflines, are prohibited on the shoreline except for required navigational aids. (Ord. 3858, 11-5-1984)~~

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