EDMONDS SIGN CODE DECISIONS - PERMITS NEEDED

By now, most downtown business owners have heard about the new sign code. The most important thing to know is that businesses will now need to apply for a permit in order to have certain types of signs (such as a-boards or sandwich boards, for example). The following information was gathered from the letter sent to business owners from the city, as well as from MyEdmondsNews.

As recently reported in MyEdmondsNews, following months of review, discussion and public engagement, the Edmonds City Council unanimously adopted a long list of changes to the city’s sign code, including those governing the display of A-frame or sandwich board signs, now known as “pedestrian signs.”

The amendment process was largely sparked by citizen concerns about perceived sign clutter in the downtown area. At the same time, it was recognized that signage can help attract customers and that a vibrant downtown is an important community asset. Many people provided input on amending the City’s sign code.

The new sign code amendments require that each "A-frame" and other standing portable signs (whether existing or new) in the downtown or waterfront area must have a permit. Getting a City permit for any such sign should be a priority for business or property owners wanting to keep or have such a sign.
Sign permits may be obtained at the City of Edmonds Development Services Department, 2nd floor of City Hall, 121 5th Ave N, in Edmonds. The application fee is $125. Once issued, the permit does not need an annual renewal.

For more details, please refer to Ordinance No. 4039. The new code went into effect on or about August 12, 2016. A little extra time may be needed to implement some parts of it. However, please move forward as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions about the sign code, please contact the City’s Planning Division by calling 425-771-0220 or sending an email to: planning@edmondswa.gov.

---

**Ed! Committees**

Want to get more involved? We encourage all members to become more involved in Ed! In addition to attending board meetings, joining one of our committees is a great way to get involved.

Below is a list of our current committees and chairs. Click on their name to email them a request for information, including upcoming meetings.

**Committee Descriptions**

- **2017 Workplan & Budget** - Cadence Clyborne
- **Member Engagement & Outreach** - Jacob Comstock
- **Branding/Identity/Marketing** - Kimberly Koenig
- **Grant Program** - Cadence Clyborne
- **Professional Business Resources** - Kiersten Christensen
- **Appearance & Environment, Parking** - Jordana Turner
- **Business, Civic Collaboration & Outreach** - John Rankin
- **Non-profit Organization** - Cadence Clyborne
- **Assessment & Evaluation** - Robert Boehlke
Do you have an upcoming business event or promotion you'd like to share? Use our newsletter! Submit content [here](#) by August 30th, and your announcement will be featured in the next newsletter (subject to editing). This is available to all Ed! members in good standing.

---

**Follow Ed! on Instagram and Facebook**

[Instagram](#)  [Facebook](#)

---

**Advisory Board Meeting Schedule**

The next Ed! Advisory Board meetings will be held:

- Thursday, September 8
- Thursday, September 22

All meetings start promptly at 8:00 a.m. at the [Edmonds Center for the Arts (ECA)](#). We encourage everyone to attend. Add your voice to the dialogue!

---

*Copyright © 2016 Edmonds Downtown Alliance, All rights reserved.*

---

Want to change how you receive these emails? You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)