



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF DECISION

Chiro One Sign Permit

File No. MASTER-22-0055, PLZ-22-0083

I. Project information

Date	Application submitted: June 7, 2022 Decision issued: June 10, 2022
Sign Description	The applicant is proposing three building mounted illuminated signs on the east, west and north building elevations.
Location	4318 S Settler Drive Ste #100 / Ridgefield, WA 98642
Applicant/Applicant's Representative	Garrett Sign 811 Harney Street / Vancouver, WA 98660 Contact: 360.693.9081, permitting@garrettsign.com
Property Owner	Pioneer Village Holdings LLC 2501 NE 129 th Street / Vancouver, WA 98686 Contact: 503.839.6064, jims@evergreenagbuilders.com
Zoning	Commercial Community Business (CCB)
Review Type	Type I Sign Permit
Staff Contact	Anne McNamara, Planner I 510 Pioneer St / Ridgefield, WA 98642 Contact: 360.857.5047, anne.mcnamara@ridgefieldwa.us
Decision	Approval with conditions

II. Compliance with RDC 18.710 – Signs

The following constitutes the Community Development Department’s review of the submitted sign permit application against applicable provisions of RDC 18.710 – Signs. Failure to comply with RDC 18.710 in general shall be considered a violation of the City’s Development Code that will be subject to code enforcement action pursuant to RDC 18.395 – Enforcement Procedures and Penalties.

Code Section	Complies with Development Code	Complies with Development Code through Conditions of Approval	Not Applicable
RDC 18.710.010 (Purpose and Scope)	X		
RDC 18.710.020 (Applicability and Interpretations)	X		
RDC 18.710.030 (Exemptions)			X
RDC 18.710.040. (Prohibited Signs)	X		
RDC 18.710.050 (Sign Permits)	X		
RDC 18.710.060 (Sign Variances)			X
RDC 18.710.070 (Nonconforming Signs, Maintenance, Removal, and Enforcement)		X	
RDC 18.710.090 (Sign Illumination)	X		
RDC 18.710.100 (Sign Materials)	X		
RDC 18.710.110 (Sign Placement and location restrictions)	X		
RDC 18.710.120 (Sign Area Measurement)	X		
RDC 18.710.130 (Sign Height Measurement)	X		
RDC 18.710.140 (Sign Structure and Installation)	X		
RDC 18.710.150 (Accessory Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.160 (Awning or Canopy Signs)			X

RDC 18.710.170 (Building Mounted Wall Signs)	X		
RDC 18.710.180 (Changeable Copy Sign)			X
RDC 18.710.190 (Digital Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.200 (Electronic Message Center EMC Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.210 (Free Standing Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.220 (Portable Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.230 (Projecting Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.240 (Roof-Mounted Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.250 (Service Island Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.260 (Sign Walkers)			X
RDC 18.710.270 (Temporary Signs)			X
RDC 18.710.280 (Window Signs)			X

RDC 18.710.170 – Building mounted wall signs.

No sign permit shall issue for a building mounted wall sign which does not comply with the following standards:

B. Non-residential zones.

1. Size of parcel or site. No restrictions.
2. Area. The total signage may be up to five percent of the area of the façade upon which the sign is placed. Width: Not to exceed sixty percent of the width of the wall plane upon which the sign is placed or the width of the tenant space. Height: Not to exceed seventy percent of the height of the blank wall space or fascia on which the sign is mounted.

Findings

The area of the proposed sign on the building’s northern façade is 28.36 square feet, or 2.8 percent of the façade. It is 142.5 inches wide, which is 23 percent of the wall plane upon which it is placed. It is 42 inches tall, which is 17.5 percent of the fascia on which it is placed. This standard is met.

The area of the proposed sign on the building’s eastern façade is 47.03 square feet, or 4.2 percent of the façade. It is 183.4 inches wide, which is 30 percent of the wall plane upon which it is placed. It is 53.9 inches tall, which is 20.4 percent of the fascia on which it is placed. This standard is met.

The area of the proposed sign on the building's western façade is 52.44 square feet, or 4.6 percent of the façade. It is 194 inches wide, which is 31.7 percent of the wall plane upon which it is placed. It is 57 inches tall, which is 21.6 percent of the fascia on which it is placed. This standard is met.

3. *Location on Building. Signs may not cover or obscure important architectural details of a building, such as stair railings, windows, doors, decorative louvers or similar elements intended to be decorative features of a building design. Signs must appear to be a secondary feature of the building façade.*

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed signs do not cover or obscure any important architectural details. This standard is met.

4. *Illumination, flush or tight mounted. All individual letter signs shall be installed to appear flush-mounted. If the letters are illuminated and require a raceway, the letters shall be installed tight against the raceway, which shall be painted to match the color of the surface to which the raceway is mounted. Where possible - especially on new construction - the raceway should be recessed to allow letters to be flush with the wall surface.*

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed signs are flush mounted to the building façade. This standard is met.

5. *Design. Where more than one sign is allowed for a business, all signs shall be consistent in design, style, color and method of illumination.*

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed signs are consistent in design, style, color, and method of illumination.

RDC 18.710.090– Sign Illumination

B. Internally illuminated signs

1. *Internally illuminated signs shall be constructed with an opaque sign face background with translucent text, symbols and/or logo shields. If the sign owner desires to have the entire sign face visible at night, an external light source may be used to illuminate the sign, subject to the illumination standards in this chapter.*

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed signs will be constructed with an opaque sign face. This standard is met.

2. *In no case may an internally illuminated sign, a digital sign or an electronic message center sign exceed a light output of fifty nits in a residential zone or one hundred nits in a non-residential zone during nighttime hours.*

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed signs will have an output of exactly one hundred nits. This standard is met.

3. *Neon sign lighting is allowed in non-residential zones only and shall not exceed one hundred nits per sign face. Neon signs with solid backgrounds are not allowed in windows in order to ensure*

maximum light and visibility through windows. An example of a neon sign is shown in Figure 2 below.

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed signs do not contain neon lighting. This standard does not apply.

4. *Illuminated signs are prohibited in any residential zone (RLD 4, 6, or 8 and RMD 16) and in any Community Neighborhood Business (CNB) zone.*

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed signs are located in a Commercial Community Business zone. This standard does not apply.

RDC 18.710.050– Sign Permits

2. *A sign permit shall not issue unless the director makes findings that the criteria applicable to each sign type in this chapter are satisfied, and further, that the sign does not exceed the limits in this subsection for the business or use set forth below:*

- a. *Internally illuminated signs shall be constructed with an opaque sign face background with translucent text, symbols and/or logo shields. If the sign owner desires to have the entire sign face visible at night, an external light source may be used to illuminate the sign, subject to the illumination standards in this chapter.*

Findings

Staff finds that the proposed sign will be constructed with an opaque sign face. This standard is met.

- b. *Building Setback from Street. The tenants of a building which is set back one hundred feet or more from the street may increase the wall sign area otherwise permitted to face such street by twenty-five percent, provided that the total sign area on any one building frontage still does not exceed two hundred square feet.*

Findings

Staff finds that the building on which the proposed signs will be located is set back approximately eighteen feet from the street. This standard does not apply.

- c. *Buildings with More than One Frontage. Any business which has more than one building frontage may have one hundred fifty percent of the sign surface area permitted on the principal frontage by the provisions of subsection 18.710.050(D)(2)(a). The permitted sign surface area may be distributed in any manner on the front and adjacent sides of the building which have frontage subject to the placement limitations of subsection 18.710.050(D)(3), but in no event shall the sign surface area on any building façade exceed one hundred percent of the sign surface area permitted by subsection 18.710.050(D)(2)(a). Building frontage opposite the principal frontage may have additional sign area calculated in the same manner and subject to the same size and placement regulations as for the principal frontage, as long as two adjacent frontages do not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the permitted sign surface area.*

Findings

The building has two principal facades on the east and west. The sign area permitted on the principal façades is 112.2 square feet. The total sign area proposed is 127.83 square feet, which is 114 percent of the sign area permitted on the principal façade. This standard is met.

III. Decision

Staff finds that the Chiro One Sign Permit, PLZ-22-0083, shall be **approved with conditions**. The following conditions of approval apply:

- 1. The signs shall be installed the same as specified in the submitted sign elevation and construction drawings inclusive of sign dimensions, sign design, and sign text. There shall be no changes in sign dimensions, sign design, or sign text without prior written approval from the Ridgefield Community Development Department.
- 2. The sign shall be maintained per RDC 18.710.070.B.
- 3. If building permits are required to install the sign, the applicant shall apply for and receive building permits prior to sign installation. Contact permits@ridgefieldwa.us for building permit information.

Reviewed by:

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Signed:



Claire Lust, Community Development Director

IV. Appeal procedures

Pursuant to RDC 18.310.100 an appeal of a Type I Ministerial decision shall be submitted by an interested party in writing and shall be submitted to the city clerk within 14 days after the final decision is mailed.

Proposed Signage

