



Sign code changes finally adopted

The Keizer City Council spent a considerable amount of time reviewing proposed changes to the city's sign code at its meeting Monday, July 16.

Some changes were proposed by city staff last summer as a way to bring city ordinances into closer alignment with a recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court and others were a matter of changing the types of signs Keizer permits.

Here are some of the major ways the sign code is changing:

ELECTION SIGNS

Language was removed that pertained only to election signs. Going forward, unlimited temporary, portable signs will be allowed 45 days prior to an election and seven days after.

REAL ESTATE SIGNS

Eliminates pertaining to real estate signs was also removed. In the future temporary, portable signs will be allowed and special permits given for oversized portable signs.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTERS

Messages on electronic signs can now change once every 60 seconds. The prior limit was once every 15 minutes. The change includes public agencies (like schools and the Keizer Fire District) that were previously limited to one change every 24 hours.

WINDOW SIGNS

Window signage, or window clings, will only be permitted on 50 percent of a business's overall window space.

PORTABLE/TEMPORARY SIGNS

Businesses will be allowed to set out portable signs with 25 feet of separation, this includes feather flags. Prior to the change, 50 feet of separation was required. Banners and signs attached to buildings are limited to one per storefront and only for 120 days out of every 365 days.

SECONDARY FRONTAGE

Businesses in integrated (think strip malls) and non-integrated centers will now be allowed additional signage on secondary frontages.

GRAND OPENINGS & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Two new permits were created. The first allows any combination of oversized banners and multiple portable signs twice yearly. The second allows a single oversized portable sign, no larger than 16 square feet, for up to 120 days in a calendar year.

School board mulls establishing district-based police department

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A resolution to designate the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Safety and Risk Management Services as a law enforcement agency received first-reading approval from the Salem-Keizer School Board on Tuesday.

The resolution drew negative comments from 13 members of the audience, who said law enforcement status would worsen ethnic divisions in the schools and be contrary to the state equity lens policy, which aims at eventually eliminating inequalities in student performance.

No one in the audience spoke in favor of the resolution.

Michael Wolfe, chief operating officer of the district, quoted from a district staff report that a law enforcement agency "would significantly improve the overall safety and security of our schools and departments by providing the ability to perform accurate background checks on staff, potential staff, and volunteers." The staff report noted that the Portland, Hillsboro, and Beaverton districts have this status, "allowing them greater freedom to conduct background investigations, perform authorized investigations, and liaison with local law enforcement agencies."

The report adds that with the presence of a district police officer, "the district would be

better equipped to support administrative staff during potentially contentious or dangerous meetings with the public and during emergencies."

Board members raised questions about such a move, although none declared definite opposition or approval.

Marty Heyen said Nevada had tried such a move "and it was a disaster." Saying she was all for having trained security people on the campuses, she asked where oversight of the school resource officer (SRO) would come from.

Jesse Lippold, saying the presence of an officer could be intimidating, asked how the district could ensure a good relationship between an officer and students. Wolfe said the SRO would not be uniformed.

Vice Chairperson Sheronne Blasi asked how the equity lens would be applied. Wolfe said the SRO's function would not be applied through the equity lens.

Paul Kylo asked about the

cost to the district. Wolfe replied that there would be no budget impact.

Minority students speaking from the floor said a police officer would not be the answer, because they had been targeted because of their appearance. A retired teacher commented that the district needed more counselors and bilingual staff, not police officers.

In other business, the board approved purchase, for \$950,000, of the property at 4130 Portland Road NE in Salem for the capital construction project that had been approved for Hallman Elementary School.

The board also approved reappointment of the law firm of Garrett, Hemann, Robertson, PC, represented by Paul Dakopoulos, as its legal counsel.

In the Spotlight on Success portion of the meeting, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Carlisle honored the district Office of Community Relations and Communications for

its honorable mention award from the National School Public Relations Association.

Personnel actions approved by the board included the following in the McNary High School attendance area:

- Temporary part-time status for Charles Kuerbis, McNary.
- Temporary full-time status for Jose Bautista, Keizer Elementary School; Pristene Delegato, Kennedy Elementary School; and Ruth Ochoa and Manuel Ruiz, Weddle Elementary School.
- First-year probation full-time status for Dawn Ferrera and Rebecca Tyler, Keizer Elementary; and Christopher Nelson and Brian Satern, McNary.
- Second-year probation full-time status for Erin Crauder, Claggett Creek Middle School; and Julie Jensen and Manuel Ruiz, Weddle.

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Friday and Saturday's games will be followed by a postgame fireworks show, compliments of Drs. Bud and Selma Pierce of Oregon Oncology Specialists.

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