



## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #113596-020609**

### **SITE – SPECIFIC CODE INTERPRETATION**

#### **CODE SECTION: 20.50.540B**

- I. ISSUE:** Request to waive height limit on a building mounted sign.
- II. FINDINGS:**
- Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) Section 20.50.540.B restricts the height of building mounted signs as follows: *Not to extend above the building parapet, eave line of the roof, or the windowsill of the second floor, whichever is less.*”
  - The exception under SMC 20.50.540(B)(1) allows the Director to waive the restrictions if the applicant can demonstrate that signs are an integral part of the architecture and site design.
  - This building is a multi-tenant dental office building.
  - The architecture of the building specifically excluded windows at this location on the west facade to provide a location for building signage for all three tenant spaces. Additionally, on the southeast elevation, area was designed in for a building name and address sign. No other building mounted signs are proposed.
- III. CONCLUSIONS:** One of the stated purposes of the sign code, under SMC 20.50.530, is to minimize the possible adverse effects of signs on nearby properties, traffic safety, and aesthetic welfare of the City. Since the architecture of the building is designed to locate signage above the second story windows, but nowhere else on the building the signage proposed is in proportion to the architecture of the building, passing traffic only has to look in one location to know they’ve arrived at the correct building, and is aesthetically consistent with the design of the site and building.
- IV. DECISION:** The building-mounted signs may be located as proposed below the eave line of the second story, but above the second story window sills, subject to the size restrictions of the code.

*original signed by Joe Tovar 2/6/09*

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Director’s Signature

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*February 06, 2009*

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