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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Astoria City Council

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE YOU ARE IDENTIFIED AS AN INTERESTED PARTY FOR THE PROPOSED ASTORIA DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT UNDER CASE FILE A26-01.

Hearing Date: Monday, April 6, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Astoria City Hall, Council Chambers (2nd Floor)
1095 Duane Street, Astoria, OR 97103

Remote Participation Options:

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Amendment Request (A26-01): Columbia Memorial Hospital Signage & Development Code Clarifications

Applicant: City of Astoria, Community Development Department

Request Summary: The City is proposing targeted amendments to the Astoria Development Code (ADC) to modernize signage regulations and improve overall clarity and usability. Key elements include:

- **Hospital-specific sign standards** in Article 8 tailored to Columbia Memorial Hospital’s role as a regional medical campus. These are designed to support effective wayfinding, public communication, and safety while respecting Astoria’s scale and visual character.
- **Expanded signage allowances** to aid emergency access and campus navigation, with flexibility for CMH to install visible, functional signs balanced by clear limits on size, height, lighting, and design.
- **Administrative and technical updates** throughout Article 8 and other ADC sections to improve consistency, remove outdated provisions, and align with state planning requirements—ultimately enhancing code interpretation and implementation.

This legislative (Type IV) text amendment applies to the **Health Care (HC) zone** and will guide how signage is reviewed and permitted for institutional campuses. Additional changes outside Article 8 will address scrivener errors, improve terminology, and support more effective code administration.

How to Comment or Learn More:

- The staff report will be available one week prior to the hearing (March 30, 2026) and will be posted online at www.astoria.gov under Agendas & Minutes.
- Contact the Community Development Department at (503) 338-5183 or email planning@astoria.gov for information, documents, or to request a copy of the report.
- The location of the hearing is accessible. Interpreters for the hearing impaired may be requested 48 hours prior pursuant to ORS 192.630(5).
- Written testimony submitted in advance must be received by noon on the hearing date to ensure inclusion in the Council record.

Public Testimony:

All interested persons are invited to submit oral or written testimony. Written comments may be emailed to planning@astoria.gov or mailed to:

Astoria Community Development Department
1095 Duane Street
Astoria, OR 97103

Testimony must address the applicable criteria in the Astoria Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. Failure to raise issues with sufficient specificity may preclude appeal rights.

Appeal Rights:

This is a legislative decision. The City Council's action on the ordinance may be appealed to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) in accordance with ORS 197.830.

Date Mailed: March 27, 2026

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