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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Astoria Planning Commission

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE YOU ARE IDENTIFIED AS AN INTERESTED PARTY REGARDING A PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT.

**Hearing Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Astoria City Hall, Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> 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- **Administrative and technical updates** throughout Article 8 and other ADC sections to improve consistency, remove outdated provisions, and align with state planning requirements—ultimately enhancing code interpretation and implementation.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 quasi-legislative 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 (February 17, 2026) and will be posted online at [www.astoria.gov](http://www.astoria.gov) under Agendas & Minutes
- Contact the Community Development Department at (503) 338-5183 or email [planning@astoria.gov](mailto: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 to the hearing under ORS 192.630.

### **Public Testimony:**

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

**Astoria Planning Commission**  
c/o 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:**

The Planning Commission's decision may be appealed to the City Council by any participant in the hearing. Appeals must be filed within 15 days after the Planning Commission's decision is mailed.

**Date of Notice:** January 30, 2026

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