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LOMPOC SIGN CODE

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LWC was hired by the City of Lompoc to conduct a comprehensive Zoning Code update aimed at implementing the recently adopted General Plan, as well as to comply with federal and State law, and incorporate current best practices and community sentiment in clear, concise and user-friendly manner.

The project began as a comprehensive update to the existing 1974 Zoning Ordinance. However, the City Council quickly directed the LWC Team to prioritize an update of the Sign Code.

As one of the first sign codes to follow the 2015 *Reed vs. Town of Gilbert* Supreme Court ruling, the Lompoc Sign Code was the result of an informed and inventive approach that was accomplished without templates or established best practices. The LWC Team focused on developing a planning tool to regulate signs in a content-neutral way while maintaining a comprehensive regulatory framework in a clear, easy-to understand format. The process also relied on feedback from a diverse representation of the community and extensive input from City Staff, civic leaders and elected officials.

The updated Sign Code was unanimously adopted by the City Council in December 2016.