

ORDINANCE NO. 781

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXI OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF SOLOMON, KANSAS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 9 PERTAINING TO THE ALLOWANCE AND REGULATION OF MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATION SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOLOMON, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SOLOMON, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE. Article XXI of the Zoning Regulations for the City of Solomon, Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new Section 9, to read as follows:

SECTION 9. MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATION SIGNS

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, a municipal communication sign shall be permitted only in accordance with this Section.

1. Purpose and Status.

- a. A municipal communication sign is a sign designated by the Governing Body, owned by the City, located on City-owned property, and operated and controlled by the City.
- b. A municipal communication sign is a medium of municipal communication and government speech. The City retains sole discretion over the selection, content, timing, and display of all messages shown on a municipal communication sign.
- c. The operation of a municipal communication sign shall not create a public forum or limited public forum, and no private person shall have a right to require the display of any message.

2. Permitted Locations; Number; Size.

- a. A municipal communication sign is permitted in any zoning district, provided it is located on land owned by the City.
- b. Not more than one (1) municipal communication sign shall be permitted per City park or public facility, unless otherwise approved by the Governing Body.
- c. A municipal communication sign shall be subject to the following:
 - i. Maximum Height: 6 feet
 - ii. Required Setback: 6 feet from lot line
 - iii. Maximum Gross Surface Area: 28 square feet

d. A municipal communication sign shall be governed exclusively by the standards of this Section.

3. Operational Standards.

a. Display. A municipal communication sign may display electronically changeable messages, including animation, video, and scrolling content, as determined by the City.

b. Dimming. The sign must be equipped with automatic dimming technology that adjusts brightness based on ambient light conditions.

c. Nighttime Operation. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., the sign shall be turned off or dimmed to a level that prevents glare and minimizes impact on adjacent residential properties. During such hours, the sign shall display only municipal messages as determined by the City.

4. Cost Recovery and Sponsorship. The City may, in its sole discretion, display sponsor acknowledgments or other messages selected by the City to defray operational costs. The acceptance of any fee shall not create a contractual obligation to display any message, nor shall it create any speech right, property interest, or entitlement to continued display.

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its adoption and publication once in the official city newspaper by the following summary:

Ordinance No. 781 Summary

On May 4, 2026, the City council passed Ordinance No. 781. The ordinance amends Article XXI of the Zoning Regulations for the City of Solomon, Kansas to add a new Section 9 pertaining to the allowance and regulation of Municipal Communication Signs within the City of Solomon, Kansas. A complete copy of the ordinance is available online at www.solomon-ks.com or in the office of the City Clerk, 116 W. Main, in Solomon, Kansas, free of charge. This summary is certified by the City's legal counsel.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Solomon, Kansas, this 4th day of May, 2026.

(SEAL)



Brandy Gray

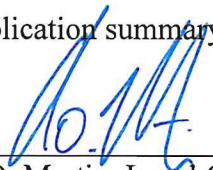
Brandy Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea McCook

Andrea McCook, City Clerk

The publication summary set forth above is certified this 4th day of May, 2026.



Aaron O. Martin, Legal Counsel