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Chief Building Official

POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs are allowed by the City Sign Ordinance and are a protected form of free political speech. Political signs are regulated under Sign Type #107 Temporary Non-Commercial Signs (see attached). The following describes specific allowances and restrictions.

1. Political signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner. The maximum area of a sign on private property is 12 square feet. The maximum sign height is 20 feet above grade for a wall sign located on private property.
2. Political signs may be placed in the City right-of-way subject to restrictions to ensure public safety.
 - a. Political signs are prohibited from being placed on or in any street median.
 - b. Political signs within City right-of-way must be freestanding and are prohibited from being attached to or placed on City traffic signs, signals or devices including directional signs, advisory signs and regulation signs, trees or shrubs and utility cabinets and appurtenances.
 - c. Political signs within City right-of-way may not obstruct regulatory signs, traffic signal controllers, or driver's view.
3. Political signs may not be placed on City property outside of City right-of-way such as City parks, buildings, facilities or appurtenant landscape areas.

4. The maximum area of a sign located in the City right-of-way is 12 square feet when located more than 150 feet from an intersection and 3 square feet when located within 150 feet from an intersection.
5. The maximum height of a sign located in the City right-of-way is 6 feet above grade when located more than 150 feet from an intersection and 3 feet above grade when located within 150 feet of an intersection.
6. A maximum of one sign per corner per candidate or ballot measure is permitted. (A total of four signs maximum per intersection).
7. Political signs may be installed no earlier than 60 days prior to the election for which it pertains and shall be removed no later than ten calendar days after an election. Political signs placed more than 60 days prior to an election or not removed more than ten days after an election is a misdemeanor violation of the City Zoning Ordinance. Candidates may be charged for costs incurred by the City for removal and storage of any such signs.

SIGN TYPE #107
TEMPORARY NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS

	SIGN TYPE #107 TEMPORARY NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS
Sign Location	In public right-of-way; or on private property with owner's consent. Not on City traffic signs, signals, or devices including directional signs, advisory signs, and regulation signs. Not attached to any object located in the public right-of-way.
	Outside of sight distance triangles and not obstructing regulatory signs traffic signal controllers, or driver's view.
	Maximum of one substantially similar sign per intersection.
Maximum Sign Size	3 square feet, if located within 150 feet of an intersection.
	12 square feet, if not located within 150 feet of an intersection.
Maximum Sign Height	3 feet above grade if located in public right-of-way within 150 feet of an intersection.
	6 feet above grade, but not located within 150 feet of an intersection.
	20 feet above grade for wall sign, if not located in public right-of-way.
Sign illumination	None.
Sign Installation and removal	Signs related to a specific event (e.g., election) may be installed no earlier than 60 days prior to the event to which the sign relates and must be removed no later than 10 days after the event to which the sign relates. If a sign is not removed within the 10-day period, then the City may recover costs of sign removal from the person/organization to which the sign relates. In addition, if a sign is installed earlier than 60 days prior to the event to which the sign relates, then the City may recover costs of sign removal from the person/organization to which the sign relates.
Permit Required?	No.

