

### **SIGNS – TEMPORARY (CANDIDATE SIGNS)**

Guidelines by which temporary signs announcing political candidates or issues can be displayed are as follows:

1. Signs must not be placed in a manner so as to obstruct free egress to or from a passageway, or any exit way required by the Building or Fire Codes.
2. Signs cannot be located in public right of way (**see #4 below for additional information**). Signs shall not be attached to a utility pole, fire hydrant, curb, sidewalk, or any other surface located on, or located within public property.
3. Signs cannot be placed in a manner that will obstruct the vision of traffic or traffic control devices.
4. Signs must be located at least 10 feet from the curb of any street. If a street does not have a curb, the sign must be at least ten feet from the edge of pavement. Signs shall be located a minimum of one foot behind the sidewalk of the street, if the street has a sidewalk, and therefore property owner permission is needed.
5. Signs shall comply with the 30 feet sight triangle at any intersecting public or private street or primary access to developed property. See the attached diagram to assist with this guideline. Property owner permission is needed.
6. The City's Zoning Regulations provide an allowed number of signs whereby more than two signs containing the same message per street frontage shall be deemed unnecessarily duplicative. For lots with greater than 200 feet of street frontage, no more than one of such signs shall be allowed to be displayed for every 50 feet of frontage of any lot.
7. Candidate signs are deemed temporary non-commercial signs and are subject to the definition of "Sign - Temporary" within the City Code. Temporary signs are intended for a limited/intermittent period of use, and should be posted only for three months or less. Candidate signs may not be posted on City property or City right-of-way.
8. No permit is necessary.

**GUIDELINES FOR ENFORCEMENT**

The City has no intention of affecting anyone’s political sign(s). However, the City MUST enforce its Sign Ordinances in equitable fashion, to assure a level playing field for all candidates for public office, and to assure uniform enforcement.

If a sign is placed contrary to the above provisions, the City will:

1. Notify the owner by phone and/or e-mail if an e-mail address is provided/available and allow 24 hours for correction.
2. If after 24 hours, the sign remains in violation, the City will have no choice but to remove the sign from the public right of way.
3. The City may contact the owner and request retrieval of the sign.

Please cooperate with us so that no political sign need be removed. If you have any questions with regards to a particular location/installation, please contact the Community Development Director during regular business hours at (636) 639-2031.

