

Election Signs

Sign Placement: Temporary election signs may be placed on private property, subject to the limitations described below, but may not be placed in the public right-of-way. The public right-of-way is generally the entire area from the back edge of the sidewalk across the street to the back of the sidewalk on the other side (see diagram). Where there is no sidewalk, utility poles are located at the back edge of the right-of-way and are a good indicator of where the right-of-way ends.

Size and Height Limitations: In the residential zones (R-40, R-60, R-75, R-90, R-150, R-200, R-400, RMD-10, RMD-15 and RMD-25), election signs are limited to 5 square feet in area. For example, a sign that measures 2.5 feet by 2 feet has an area of 5 square feet. Signs in residential zones may be installed to a maximum height of 5 feet. However, signs that are located within 10 feet of the property line along a street are limited to 42 inches in height.

In nonresidential zones, election signs are limited to a maximum of 12 square feet (measuring three feet by four feet) in area. Signs in nonresidential zones may be installed up to a maximum height of 8 feet. In addition, a temporary election sign up to a maximum of 100 square feet (10 feet by 10 feet) may be mounted on a building abutting I-270.

Other Restrictions: The current code recommends that election signs be removed within 7 days after the election. It is the responsibility of the candidate to have the signs removed. Election signs may not be illuminated. Sign permits are not required for temporary election signs.

Proposed Code Revisions: The City is in the process of revising its sign regulations. Under the proposed regulations, temporary election signs will be regulated the same as other temporary signs, and the sign area, height and setback regulations for temporary signs will be the same they are currently.

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