



Political Signs Fact Sheet

ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Zoning Ordinance Regulation

- ⇒ Political signs and posters are permissible without a permit.
- ⇒ Announce candidates seeking public political office and/or political and public issues.
- ⇒ May not exceed eight (8) square feet in residential districts.
- ⇒ May not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in nonresidential districts.
- ⇒ Are not limited in number that may be displayed on one property.
- ⇒ Signs promoting a candidate for political office must be removed within seven days after an election.

Enforcement Policy

Upon receipt of a complaint, City staff will:

- ⇒ Verify if the complaint is valid.
- ⇒ Email the relevant candidate to notify them of the location of the violation, and give the candidate 24-hours to correct the violation.
- ⇒ If the violation is not resolved within 24-hours of the email notification, notice will be sent to the owner of the property where the violation occurred.
- ⇒ A ticket will be issued to the owner if the violation is not remedied within 24-hours of notice to the property owner.

ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

City Code

Private political signs and posters are not permitted on public right-of-way.

Enforcement Policy

Upon receipt of a complaint, City staff will:

- ⇒ Verify if the complaint is valid.
- ⇒ Email or phone the candidate named on the sign, and give the candidate 24-hours to correct the violation.
- ⇒ If the violation is not resolved within 24-hours, the sign will be removed from the public right-of-way and brought to the Public Works Garage on Dries Lane.
- ⇒ Signs may be collected by the candidates from Dries Lane. Signs not collected will periodically be disposed.

Political sign violations on private property may be reported to (309) 494-8600.

Political sign violations on public right-of-way may be reported to (309) 494-8833.

Note that signs on both private and public property are currently enforced on a complaint basis. This handout clarifies code and policy in effect as of the date of this publication: March 15, 2007.