

SIGN CODE – YARD SIGNS

The proposed amendments to the Sign Code are directly related to supreme court rulings regarding compliance with the First Amendment to the United States Constitution regarding municipal regulation of signs across the nation. With this ruling, municipalities are not allowed to regulate signage based on what the sign says. However, municipalities still can regulate signage location, size, height, brightness, and quantity.

The proposed changes are to Section 17.15.040 Exempt Signs section of the Land Use Code. The Exempt Sign regulations explain the types of signage which do not require a Sign Permit.

~~P. Political Signs. Political signs displayed on private property in accordance with an official election or signs erected on behalf of candidates for public office and ballot issues provided:~~

- ~~1. The total area of all such signs on a lot does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet;~~
- ~~2. All such signs may be erected no sooner than sixty (60) days in advance of the election for which they were made;~~
- ~~3.1. The signs are removed within seven (7) days after the election for which they were made; and~~
- ~~4.2. The property owner upon whose land the sign is placed shall give written permission for the placement of said signs and will be responsible for violations.~~

~~K. Flags. Flags, crests or banners of nations, or organizations of nations, or states and cities, or professional fraternal, religious, civic organizations, or generally accepted military service related flags (i.e. POWs) except when displayed in connection with commercial promotion.~~

~~Q. Religious Symbols. Religious symbols located on a building or lot used for organized religious purposes.~~

Y. Temporary Yard Signs. Yard signs are allowed without a sign permit pursuant to the following:

- 1. In Residential Zoning Districts*
 - a. Shall not exceed more than two signs per property at any one time;*
 - b. Shall not exceed 24 square feet total yard signage on any property;*
 - c. Shall not exceed a height of 42 inches;*
 - d. Shall not be located in the public right-of-way; and*

e. Shall be located at least five feet from any property line.

2. In All Other Zoning Districts

a. Shall not exceed more than two signs per property at any one time;

b. Shall not exceed 24 square feet total yard signage on any property;

c. Shall not exceed a height of six feet, or 42 inches if placed within a sight distance triangle; and

d. Shall not be located in the public right-of-way.