

POLITICAL SIGNS

This is an overview of the basic State and City regulations.

Political signs are intended to allow individuals and groups to exercise their free speech rights without interfering with the rights of others. The City of Norman regulates political signs as follows:

- No signs can ever be placed within the sight triangle. No signs shall be placed within any public right-of-way [except as provided for single-family homes] that has been dedicated to the City by plat, easement, or statute, nor any median, boulevard, street, road, or parkway, nor any public or private park.
- Signs should only be placed on privately owned property & permission of the property owner is required prior to placing the sign.
- No signs may be placed within 300 feet of any polling site on election day.
- Signs cannot cause a sight obstruction or traffic hazard at any time.
- In regard to single-family dwellings only, political signs may be placed within the right-of-way (the area between the property line and the curb or edge of the public street) in front of or along the side of any such dwelling, provided that the permission of the property owner has been obtained and such signs are no wider than thirty (30) inches or taller than twenty (20) inches in height (measured from the ground). Political signs may not be placed in the right-of-way abutting the rear or side yard of the dwelling when that portion of the lot abuts a Section Line Road or an arterial roadway. If the dwelling has a fence or wall along the rear or side of the lot which separates the dwelling from the arterial or Section Line road, no sign may be placed outside of that fence adjacent to the roadway.
- On major thoroughfares, the area between the street and fence lines is public right-of-way and no signs may be placed in that area. If there is no fence line, the right-of-way generally extends 26 feet from the street edge. On State highways the area is usually much larger.
- Political signs must be removed within ten (10) days after the election to which they pertain.
- There is no location that a sign can be legally placed without lawful permission. If permission was not obtained, then the sign is illegal.
- Any illegally placed signs may be removed and disposed of without notice.
- If you have any questions, please call Code Compliance at 366-5332.