



Election Signs

Election signs are required to comply with the City's Sign Code (Chapter 38, Article I), as amended by Ordinance 2020-10. If you have questions regarding the City's Sign Code and related regulations, please contact Jason Jeffries, Planning Director, at 772-978-4552.

Election signs on private property. Election signs placed on private property are considered temporary on-premises signs and are regulated by Sec. 38.09(1), Temporary on-premises signs:

- (1) *Temporary on-premises signs.* One temporary sign per street frontage, except as provided below, in all zoning districts as follows:
 - (1) *Residential zoning districts.* Such signs shall either be freestanding or window signs in residential zoning districts. If displayed as a freestanding sign, such sign shall be a maximum of three (3) square feet in area, and a maximum of three (3) feet in height. Each window sign shall be a maximum of two (2) square feet in area and the cumulative area of all window signs shall be a maximum of twenty (20) percent of the total area of each window.
 - (2) *Nonresidential zoning districts.* Such signs shall be freestanding, fence, wall or window signs in nonresidential districts. If displayed as a freestanding, fence or wall sign, such sign shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) square feet in area and a maximum of ten (10) feet in height. Each window sign shall be a maximum of four (4) square feet in area and the cumulative area of all window signs shall be a maximum of 20 percent of the total area of each window.
 - (3) *Additional temporary on-premises signs during election periods.* Additional election signs, meeting the temporary sign requirements for the applicable zoning district, of one sign per candidate and one per side of a referendum issue are authorized up to a 90-day period prior to a city, state or federal general or primary election.

Temporary on-premises signs do not require a sign permit. Only one sign per candidate is permitted per street frontage meeting the temporary sign requirements of the zoning district.

Carried election signs. Persons carrying election signs are considered carried signs and are regulated by Sec. 38.09(g), Carried signs:

- (g) *Carried signs.* Such signs may be carried on premises on private property or on public rights-of-way in nonresidential zoning districts, excluding streets, roads, alleys, or median strips.

Election signs on public property. Pursuant to Sec. 38.17(p) election signs shall not be placed on public property (city parks, city facilities, or city administration buildings) and are prohibited signs.

Election signs on public rights-of-way. Election signs placed on public rights-of-way are allowed as off-premises temporary weekend signs and are regulated by Sec. 38.11(a), Off-premises temporary weekend signs. A temporary sign permit is required to be obtained from the Planning and Development Department and will have to comply with the following standards:

- (a) *Off-premises temporary weekend signs.* Temporary off-premises signs are allowed for more than six (6) hours on public right-of-way as follows:
 - (1) The placement of such signs is limited to a time period between Thursday and Noon Monday (weekend period).
 - (2) A maximum of twenty (20) such freestanding signs may be placed.
 - (3) Such signs shall be limited to the non-paved portion of any public right-of-way that is situated outside of any sidewalk, drainage ditch or swale, or traffic median, but no closer than five (5) feet back from the edge of pavement or back of curb, except for State Route 60 section of Indian River Boulevard, such signs shall be fourteen (14) feet from edge of pavement or back of curb.
 - (4) Such signs shall be prohibited in the following locations:
 - a. Within ten (10) feet of the edge of pavement of a driveway intersection pavement and within ten (10) feet of the edge of pavement or back of curb of a roadway intersection pavement.
 - b. A public right-of-way location that abuts a single-family use along its front property line.
 - (5) Such signs shall be placed at least five hundred (500) feet from any other off-premises temporary weekend sign on the same side of the road and only one off-premises temporary weekend sign per intersection under the same permit.
 - (6) Such signs shall be a maximum of three (3) square feet in area and a maximum of three (3) feet in height.
 - (7) Such signs are to be constructed of corrugated plastic for the sign area and "H" wire stakes for the sign frame.
 - (8) No more than a cumulative total of six (6) off-premises temporary weekend sign permits per applicant may be issued in a calendar year.
 - (9) Each permit for an off-premises temporary weekend sign(s) shall be only for one-weekend period.
 - (10) An off-premises temporary weekend sign that is located on any qualifying public right-of-way outside the time period authorized by this subsection shall be subject to removal under section 38.18 and code enforcement mechanisms and sanctions as provided in this Code.