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POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS

ELECTION LAW 10-101 - CAMPAIGN SIGNS AT POLLING PLACES

Effective October 1, 2017

Campaign signs may be placed at a polling place beginning 5 p.m. the day immediately preceding election day until 8 a.m. on the day immediately following election day; and at an Early Voting Center beginning 5 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins under § 10–301.1 of the Election Law Article until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.

STATE HIGHWAYS – MD STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

1. No sign will be erected on the State Highway right-of-way, or property.
2. Before posting any signs on private property, permission must be granted by the property owner or their representative.
3. The signs shall conform to all local restrictions and zoning requirements, including any applicable time limitations.
4. No signs shall be erected more than 45 days prior to any election. Unsuccessful candidates in the Primary Election must remove signs within 15 days after the Primary.
5. All signs must be removed within 15 days after the General Election.
6. No signs are allowed along Interstate Highways.

HARFORD COUNTY ROADS – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Except for billboards, signs announcing candidates seeking public office and advocating the support or defeat of public issues are permitted in all districts, provided that the total area of the sign does not exceed 16 square feet for each premises in a residential district, and 32 square feet in an agricultural, business or industrial district.
2. The signs must be confined to private property.
3. No sign may be placed within 60 feet of the center of the road intersection or in such a manner as to impede vision.
4. Sign permits are not required for political campaign and public issue signs.

Enforcement issues or questions should be directed to Planning and Zoning (410) 638-3103.

CITY OF HARVE de GRACE – ZONING ORDINANCE

Signs announcing the candidacy of persons seeking public political office and other information pertinent to municipal, county, state and federal elections are permitted if all the following conditions are met:

1. The sign does not exceed six (6) square feet in area; and
2. The sign is not erected more than sixty (60) days prior to the election to which it relates and the sign will not remain more than seven (7) days after the election to which it relates, except that a sign lawfully erected prior to a primary election may remain more than seven (7) days after the Primary Election if the sign relates to the General Election which will occur within sixty (60) days of the Primary Election and then the sign will be removed within seven (7) days after the General Election.

It shall be unlawful to install, erect or maintain any sign on or over any public right-of-way or other property of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace without the written consent of the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, except signs announcing the candidacy of persons seeking public political office or other information pertinent to municipal, county, state or federal elections located more than 12 feet from the curbline of the following streets:

(1)

Union Avenue.

(2)

Congress Avenue.

B.

No person shall install, erect or maintain any sign, other than a temporary sign, which projects more than 12 inches over any sidewalk located in a public right-of-way. All signs which project over any sidewalk shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 10 feet. All signs located in a public right-of-way, other than temporary signs, shall have a maximum depth of 12 inches measured horizontally, perpendicular to the right-of-way line.

C.

No person shall install, erect or maintain any sign, other than a temporary sign, on or over any paved or traveled portion of any avenue, street or lane. All temporary signs which are on or over the paved portion of any avenue, street or lane shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 16 feet.

D.

No person shall install, erect or maintain any ground sign within 12 feet of the paved or traveled portion of any avenue, street or lane.

E.

No building sign may extend above the highest part of the roof.

F.

No sign shall be erected in such a manner as to confuse or obstruct the view or interpretation of any official traffic sign, signal or device.

G.

No sign which projects over any sidewalk located in a public right-of-way shall be attached to or erected against the wall of a building or structure unless the exposed face of the sign is located in a plane parallel to the plane of the wall to which it is attached and the right-of-way line of which it projects.

Contact for questions or enforcement issues: (410) 939-1800

TOWN OF BEL AIR – ZONING ORDINANCE

Political campaign signs announcing candidates seeking public office are permitted as follows:

1. Residential Zones (R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-0): Signs may be no larger than six (6) square feet total.
2. Business/Industrial Zones (B-1, B2, B3 and M-1): Signs may be no larger than twenty four (24) square feet total.
3. Both Residential and Business/Industrial Zones:
 - a. Signs must be located within private property. Signs may not be placed in a municipal, county or state right-of-way.
 - b. Signs must be at least fifteen (15) feet from the nearest pavement edge.
 - c. Signs must be fifty (50) feet from the nearest curb intersection of any street or road.

Contact for questions or enforcement issues: (410) 638-4540

CITY OF ABERDEEN – SIGN CODE

For Aberdeen’s political sign regulations, go to www.aberdeen-md.org/charter/ordinances/#13-O-06.

See attached Council of the City of Aberdeen Ordinance No. 13-O-06

Contact for questions or enforcement issues: (410) 272-1600 ext 221