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**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

**ELECTION LAW 10-101 - CAMPAIGN SIGNS AT POLLING PLACES**

Effective October 1, 2018

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 or Scenic Byways.

**HARFORD COUNTY ROADS – ZONING CODE 267-33 Section C Item 3**

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 CODE 151-20 section J – Temporary Signs**

- (1) Signs that meet the standards of this subsection are exempt from the standards for permanent signs and are not counted in the total square footage of signage allowed on any particular property or site. Signs that do not meet the standards of this subsection are subject to the standards for permanent signs.
- (2) Temporary signs may have external or internal illumination.
- (3) Temporary banners. Temporary banners are subject to the following regulations:
  - (a) In all residential zones, temporary banners are not permitted on sites with residential uses. Exception: banners for holidays, religious commemoration, and special family events.
  - (b) In the C/Commercial and RB/Residential Business Districts, one banner no larger than 32 square feet in size is permitted per property or, on a multi-use property, per storefront. Only one of these banners may be hung on each building wall or on each separate structure. Any additional banners, or banners larger than 32 square feet in size, must meet the following standards for permanent signs in this code.
    - (1) In no case may a site or storefront have more than two temporary banners.
    - (2) In no case shall a temporary banner be larger than 50 square feet in size.
    - (3) A temporary banner may be displayed no longer than 90 days per calendar year upon notification of the Department of Planning of the placement of the sign.
    - (4) Banners that do not meet the regulations of this subsection must meet the standards for permanent signs.
- (4) Temporary wall or fascia signs. One temporary wall sign is allowed per street frontage in the C/Commercial and RB/Residential Business Districts. Temporary wall signs may be up to 32 square feet in area. Temporary wall signs may not extend above roof lines. Extensions into the right-of-way are prohibited. A temporary wall sign may be displayed no longer than 90 days per calendar year.
- (5) Temporary freestanding or portable signs. One temporary freestanding sign is allowed per property in the C/Commercial District and is not counted in the total square footage of permanent signage allowed on the site. Temporary freestanding signs may be up to 32 square feet in area. Extensions into the right-of-way are prohibited. A temporary freestanding sign may be displayed no longer than 90 days per calendar year.
- (6) Temporary signs are prohibited within all State Highway Administration (SHA) rights-of-way except for Union Avenue when permitted by the Mayor and City Council.
- (7) Temporary signs announcing a special event are permitted within a City right-of-way.
  - (a) Special event signs shall not exceed eight square feet.
  - (b) The Department of Planning shall be notified in writing at least 45 days prior to the event.
  - (c) The entity in charge of the event shall also provide a map of the proposed locations of the signs.
  - (d) All special event signs shall be removed within three days of the end of the event.

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

**TOWN OF BEL AIR – ZONING CODE Section 165-105 Temporary Signs**

- (a) Signs not exceeding six square feet may be placed twice in a calendar year for no more than a total of 30 days. No more than one sign may be placed per lot with a setback of 10 feet.
- (b) No commercial service, product or business may be advertised in a residential district with the exception of a property for sale, for lease or under active construction. Such a property may be permitted an additional sign not exceeding six square feet with a setback 10 feet from all property lines.
- (c) A property is allowed no more than three additional freestanding signs not exceeding six square feet each 90 days prior to a general election or primary.  
[Added 9-16-2019 by Ord. No. 792-19[1]]  
[1] Editor's Note: This ordinance also redesignated former Subsection A(5)(c) and (d) as Subsection A(5)(d) and (e), respectively.
- (d) Institutional uses in residential districts may place a temporary sign, not exceeding 24 square feet, for no more than 90 days in a calendar year. Signs shall not exceed six feet in height and must be set back 10 feet from all property lines. No more than one temporary sign is permitted on a property at any given time. A permit is required from the Zoning Administrator.
- (e) Temporary signs in the R-O District may be 12 square feet in area, a maximum of six feet in height and set back no less than 10 feet from the right-of-way.

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

**CITY OF ABERDEEN – CITY CODE Section 36-7 Posting of Campaign Signs**

- A. Campaign signs should be removed within one week after the election.
- B. Campaign signs shall not be displayed on City property, State of Maryland rights-of-way, or utility poles or in such a way as to present a danger to person or property or to limit the visual field of drivers or pedestrians and cannot impede public rights-of-way.

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