

Political Signage

Deschutes County - PERMIT REQUIRED (Alfalfa, Terrebonne, Tumalo, unincorporated areas)

April 21, 2014 for signs on private property per DCC 15.08.110 (D). For signs in the public right of way, that permit is good for 90 days and there is no limit on when the signs can be installed prior to the election.

I have attached two sections of County Code that apply to political signs. Chapter 15 applies to signs that are located on private property, not on the road right of way. The following would apply to you for signs on private property:

15.08.080. Exceptions.

The following signs or procedures shall not require a sign permit but are subject to all other applicable requirements of DCC 15.08:

A. Exempt signs listed in DCC 15.08.100.

B. Temporary signs listed in DCC 15.08.110.

15.08.110. Temporary Signs.

The following signs shall be allowed as temporary signs and shall be subject to the provisions of DCC 15.08, except as specifically noted:

D. Political campaign signs, if located on private property with the consent of the legal possessor of the premises and not located on utility poles, trees or rocks. Political signs shall not exceed a sign area of 32 square feet and may be displayed for 30 days before and five days after the election for which they are used. The provisions of DCC 15.08.110 are not intended to apply to outdoor advertising signs;

Chapter 10 of the County Code applies to signs that are in the public right of way. The applicable section is:

10.05.040. Exemptions.

The following signs are exempted under DCC 10.05:

A. Those traffic signs that are required for traffic control and safety included in the MUTCD.

B. Those portions of sign that intrude into the public right of way that were granted a permit under the Deschutes County Sign Ordinance.

C. Temporary activity signs that are granted a permit lasting less than 90 days which otherwise are in compliance with the terms of this ordinance, including parades, fun runs, bicycle or pedestrian contests, political signs or special public functions.

In summary, signs on private property may be displayed for 30 days prior and five days after the election and you don't need a sign permit for these signs. Signs in the public right of way do require a permit but there is no charge for the permit. I can scan and send you one if you would like. The only time limit on these signs is the 90 day time period. Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks – George

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CITY OF SISTERS - NO PERMIT REQUIRED

Following is the language from our Development Code outlining rules for political signage. As you'll see our allowed posting of signs is related to the election date. Sixty days before May 20th would be March 22nd so anytime on or after that date would be fine. Thank you for asking.

Campaign/Political signs are allowed to be displayed without a permit provided the sign complies with the following:

- a. The sign shall only be located on private property, with the permission of the property owner.
- b. The sign shall not be illuminated.
- c. The sign shall not be located in a manner to cause any traffic or pedestrian safety issues.
- d. The sign shall not be installed more than 60 days prior to the election and removed within 3 days after.
- e. In Residential zones the sign is limited to a maximum of 6 square feet in area and if freestanding, not more than 4 feet in height.
- f. In all other zones (commercial, industrial mixed-use, etc.) the sign shall not exceed 32 square feet in area and if freestanding, 5 feet in height.
- g. Signs shall not be installed in a manner that is prohibited per code.

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SUNRIVER:

Section 25.08.1 (Residential)

Temporary signs and banners shall only be permitted for directional purposes to special events or for advertising of special events, and not for the sole purpose of commercial advertising, promotion or political purposes. The Design Committee, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any and all signs and banners for events they deem not to be a community wide event.

Section 30.21.11 (Commercial)

Prohibited signs of the following types shall not be permitted (refer to Appendix E for definitions):

- a. Outdoor Advertising Signs (except as permitted for special events)
- b. Political Campaign Signs
- c. Signs on Utility Poles or Trees
- d. Roof Signs
- e. Bench Signs
- f. Projecting Signs
- g. Neon Signs
- h. Paper, cloth or similar temporary signs on the exterior of any building (except as permitted for special events)

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CITY OF BEND

Thank you for your inquiry regarding posting signs for a political election. As allowed per Section 9.50.050.E.5., signs may be posted no earlier than *60 days* prior to an established election date. In addition, signs may not exceed 6 square feet when posted in residential zones, and 16 square feet when posted in all other zones such as commercial zones, industrial zones, etc. It is also very important that the signs are posted on private property, with the permission of the property owner and not in a manner that the sign blocks clear view of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

9.50.050 Exemptions.

The following signs are allowed in all Sign Districts without a sign permit. All signs, even those exempt from permitting, must comply with sign placement and maintenance requirements.

E. Exempt Temporary Signs Requiring No Permit. The following temporary signs are allowed and are exempt from the requirements to obtain a sign permit. Nothing in this section dictates or limits the content of the signs allowed. Only the timing, size and placement of the sign are regulated.

5. Nonilluminated signs with a maximum sign area of six square feet in residential zones and 16 square feet in other zones and a maximum height of six feet in residential zones and eight feet in other zones may be displayed for the period starting 60 days before and ending seven days after any election date established by State statute.

CITY OF REDMOND

The City of Redmond asks that all candidates for political office comply with the following guidelines when distributing political campaign signs:

- Signs shall be placed on private property and should not be located in public rights-of-way.
- Signs shall not be placed in any clear vision area at the intersection of two streets or a street and any other vehicular access. The following measurements shall establish clear vision areas:
 - o At an intersection of two streets, the minimum distance shall be 25 feet.
 - o At all other intersections, including street to alley and street to private driveway intersections, the minimum distance shall be 15 feet.
- Candidates shall not place signs on motor vehicles or trailers and park the vehicle for the primary purpose of displaying a sign that would be otherwise prohibited by the City's sign code.
- Signs shall not be placed on power poles, street light poles or other utility fixtures which are located in the public way.
- All signs shall be removed within 10 days after the election to which they relate.
- Signs shall not utilize any moving or flashing lights, flags, propellers, or similar wind-activated or attention-attracting devices.

There does not appear to be a set start date for political signs in Redmond. The issue is more with their removal within 10 days after the election. If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

CITY OF LA PINE

8. Temporary Signs

A. Temporary signs may be erected and maintained in the city only in compliance with the regulations in this Ordinance, and with the following specific provisions:

1. Except as approved by the City in connection with a community event, no temporary sign shall be internally illuminated or be illuminated by an external light source primarily intended for the illumination of the temporary sign.
2. Temporary signs shall be kept neat, clean and in good repair. Signs which are faded, torn, damaged or otherwise unsightly or in a state of disrepair shall be immediately repaired or removed. A temporary sign shall be attached to the site or constructed in a manner that both prevents the sign from being easily moved or blown from its location and allows for the easy removal of the sign.
3. Except as provided in this Ordinance, temporary signs shall not be attached to trees, shrubbery, utility poles or traffic control signs or devices. Temporary signs shall not obscure or obstruct signs on adjacent premises.
4. No temporary sign shall be erected or maintained which, by reason of its size, location or construction constitutes a hazard to the public.

B. Temporary Signs in Residential Sign Zones

The following temporary signs shall be allowed on a lot without issuance of a permit and shall not affect the amount or type of signage otherwise allowed by this ordinance. This signage shall not be restricted by content, but is usually and customarily used to advertise real estate sales, political or ideological positions, garage sales, home construction or remodeling and similar activities. Signage shall be allowed for each lot as follows:

1. Signs not exceeding six square feet in area or four feet in height during the period from one hundred twenty days before a public election or the time the election is called, whichever is earlier, to five days after the public election.
2. A post-style sign not exceeding six square feet in area and five feet in height, or a hanging-style sign not exceeding six square feet in area and six feet in height, during the time of sale, lease or rental of the property provided that the sign is removed within fifteen days of the sale, lease or rental of the property, and a sign not exceeding six square feet in area during the time of construction or remodeling of the property, provided the sign is removed within seven days of the completion of any construction or remodeling. An additional sign of the same size may be erected if the property borders a second street and the signs are not visible simultaneously. On lots of more than two acres, the sign area may be increased to thirty-two square feet.
4. On property which has received subdivision or development approval, from that approval until issuance of a building permit for the last lot to be sold or completion of the development project, one temporary sign not exceeding thirty-two square feet in area and eight feet in height on properties less than four acres in size or two temporary signs not exceeding sixty-four square feet in area each and eight feet in height on properties greater than four acres in size.

C. Temporary Signs in Commercial and Industrial Zones

The following temporary signs shall be allowed on a lot without issuance of a permit and shall not affect the amount or type of signage otherwise allowed by this ordinance. This signage shall not be restricted by content, but is usually and customarily used to advertise real estate sales, political or ideological positions, construction or remodeling, special events and similar activities. Signage shall be allowed for each lot as follows:

1. Signs not exceeding four square feet in area and five feet in height, during the period from one hundred twenty days before a public election or the time the election is called, whichever is earlier, to five days after the public election.
2. A sign not exceeding thirty-two square feet in area and eight feet in height during the time of sale, lease or rental of the property provided that the sign is placed on the property for sale, lease, or rental and removed within fifteen days of the sale, lease or rental of the property, or a sign not exceeding thirty-two square feet in area and eight feet in height during the time of construction and remodeling of the property, provided the sign is placed on the property where construction and remodeling is taking place and removed within seven days of the completion of any construction or remodeling. An additional sign of the same size may be erected if the property borders a second street and the signs are not visible simultaneously. In no case shall the sign or signs be erected for more than twelve months.
3. A sign or banner not exceeding 50 square feet in area during the period of charitable fundraising or community event. This sign shall not be placed more than 20 days prior to the event and must be removed within two days following the event.

D. Temporary Signs or Banners in the Public Right of Way

No temporary signs or banners shall be allowed in the public right-of-way or on public property, except for those listed in this subsection.

1. Signs owned or erected or permitted by a governmental entity;
2. Bench signs located at transit stops so long as the bench sign copy does not exceed fifteen square feet and the bench sign is approved by the transit agency;
3. Signs attached to transit shelters, which are approved by the transit agency and the owner.