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Notice to candidates for election to offices in the State of Florida

We would like to remind you of State law regarding political campaign signs:

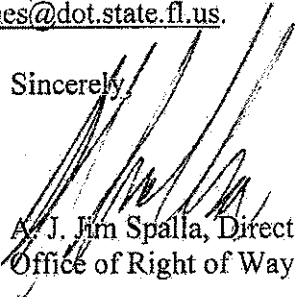
- (1) Signs placed on the State rights of way – Political campaign signs may not be placed in the right of way of any state or national highway (Chapter 479.11(8), Florida Statutes). Through a joint effort of the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Highway Patrol, a brochure explaining that the unauthorized use of the public rights of way is prohibited by Florida law and further outlining why the right of way is regulated and how to know the location of the right of way line is available through our office or from your local Supervisor of Election. We recommend this brochure be given to your campaign volunteers.
- (2) Signs placed on private property – Temporary political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner, and such signs do not require a permit under state law.

Please advise your campaign workers to ensure that signs are placed on private property. Signs placed on the State rights of way must be picked up by Department staff and placed in one of the Department's maintenance yards. We will make every effort to place a courtesy call to your campaign office advising of sign removal and the location of the maintenance yard where the signs have been stored, because we know your campaign signage is expensive.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Department's Outdoor Advertising Office in Tallahassee at (850) 414-4545. If you would like copies of the encroachment brochure, please e-mail your address and quantity needed to juanice.hughes@dot.state.fl.us.

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Sincerely,


A.J. Jim Spalla, Director
Office of Right of Way

THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU SIGN ORDINANCES
ORDINANCE NO. 200 83-7

83-7. Permitted temporary signs.

Generally. The town recognizes that, by their nature, some signs are intended from their construction to serve a temporary purpose only. Such signs shall be identified as temporary sign and shall not require a permit from the town, provided that they satisfy the restrictions imposed by this section and other relevant parts of this code.

Sign types allowed. A temporary sign may be a ground or building sign, but may not be an electric sign. A temporary sign must be constructed of rigid material.

Removal of illegal temporary signs. Any temporary sign not complying with the requirements of this section is illegal and subject to immediate removal.

Permissible temporary signs. Temporary signs as follows shall be allowed, subject to the provisions of this code:

- A. Real Estate sign not exceeding 32 square feet of sign face area or 8 feet in height
- B. A Grand Opening sign not exceeding 20 square feet of sign face area or 8 feet in height, provided that said sign shall not be displayed for more than 14 days during 12 consecutive calendar months.
- C. A Construction sign not exceeding 20 square feet of sign face area or 8 feet in height. Such sign shall not be displayed more than 60 days prior to the beginning of actual construction of the project, and shall be removed no later than the date of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for all or any portion of the project. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is not initiated within 60 days after the sign is displayed, or if construction is discontinued for a period of more than 60 days, the sign shall be removed, pending the initiation or construction activities.
- D. A sign for a premises that has no permanent sign provided that such temporary sign shall not exceed 32 square feet in sign face area nor 8 feet in height. Such sign may be displayed for a period of 60 days or until installation of a permanent sign, whichever shall occur first.
- E. Temporary Non-commercial signs displayed before, during or after an event or occurrence scheduled to take place at a specified time and place. Such signs are permitted in all zoning districts and shall not exceed 32 square feet in sign face area or 8 feet in height. All such signs shall be removed within 21 days after the end of the scheduled event or occurrence to which they relate.

Crestview, Florida – Code of Ordinances

Sec. 102-304. - Permitted temporary signs.

(a) *Where allowed.* Temporary signs are allowed throughout the city on private property, subject to the restrictions imposed by this section and other relevant parts of this article.

(b) *Sign types allowed.* A temporary sign may be a ground or building sign to include banners and sandwich or sidewalk signs, and snipe signs in commercially zoned property in major arterial roads, but may not be an electric sign.

(c) *Removal of illegal temporary signs.* Any temporary sign not complying with the requirements of this section is illegal and subject to immediate removal.

(d) *Restrictions on content of temporary signs.* A temporary sign may display any message so long as it is not:

(1) Harmful to minors.

(2) Advertising, except that advertising for the following purposes may be displayed:

a. To indicate that an owner, either personally or through an agent, is actively attempting to sell, rent or lease the property on which the sign is located.

b. To indicate the grand opening of a business or other activity, to include special sales or promotion of events or activities on the property on which the sign is located. Such message may be displayed for a period not exceeding 15 days.

c. To identify construction in progress on the property on which the sign is located. Such message shall not be displayed more than 60 days prior to the beginning of actual construction of the project, and shall be removed when construction is completed. If a message is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is not initiated within 60 days after the message is displayed, or if construction is discontinued for a period of more than 60 days, the message shall be removed, pending initiation or continuation of construction activities.

d. To indicate the existence of a new business, or a business in a new location, if such business has no permanent signs. Such message may be displayed on the property on which the sign is located for a period of not more than 60 days or until installation of permanent signs, whichever shall occur first.

(e) *Permissible size, height and number of temporary signs.*

(1) *One-family and two-family residences.* A parcel on which is located a single one-family or two-family residence may display not more than two temporary signs with an aggregate sign area of not more than ten square feet. No individual sign shall exceed six square feet nor exceed eight feet in height.

(2) *Three-family and four-family residences.* A parcel on which is located a single three-family or four-family residence may display not more than four temporary signs with an aggregate sign area of not more than ten square feet. No individual sign shall exceed six square feet nor exceed eight feet in height.

(3) *Major arterials.*

a. Commercial zoned properties fronting major arterials may display a maximum number of ten snipe signs. No individual snipe sign will exceed four square feet. All signs will be displayed on private property and will not obstruct the vision triangle or create a public safety hazard.

1. Requests for temporary snipe signs will be processed through the administrative services department on forms provided by the department.

2. Each snipe sign will require a label affixed to the sign face. A label will be provided for each snipe sign at the time a permit is issued. Each label will include at a minimum: name of permit holder, permit number, beginning date, expiration date and authorization. Permits will be valid for a maximum of 14 days.

b. Commercial zoned properties fronting major arterials may display a maximum number of banner, sandwich or A-frame signs equal to one square foot of signage per ten feet of frontage up to a maximum of 100 square feet. No individual sign shall exceed 24 square feet nor exceed ten feet in height and must be displayed on the property on which the business or event advertised is located. All signs will be displayed on private property and will not obstruct the vision triangle or create a public safety hazard.

1. Banner, sandwich or a frame signs may be posted on private property for the duration of the special event for which they are used, but no longer than 15 days.

(4) *On all other parcels.* All other parcels may display one square foot of temporary signage per ten feet of frontage up to a maximum of 100 square feet. No individual sign shall exceed 60 square feet nor exceed ten feet in height. Signs must be spaced at least 100 feet apart. Sign must be displayed on the property on which the business or event advertised is located. (Ord. No. 897, § 3, 10-14-96; Ord. No. 979, § 2, 6-14-99; Ord. No. 1055, § 4, 3-12-01; Ord. No. 1142, § 2, 4-12-04; Ord. No. 1179, § 2, 6-13-05)

Mary Esther Sign Ordinances

Political signs are to be temporary signs.

Sec. 16.03.00 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

- (g) Prohibited vehicle signs.
- (j) Any sign within a sight visibility triangle that obstructs a clear view of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (k) Any sign in the public right of way, other than Traffic Control Device Signs, bus stop informational signs, warning signs or safety signs.
- (n) Any sign located on real property without the permission of the property owner.

Section 16.04.00 ALLOWED SIGNS; ALL DISTRICTS

- (i) **Temporary election signs.** For each parcel, one election sign for each candidate and each issue may be displayed. An election sign may be displayed as an attached sign or as a freestanding sign. On parcels that are in residential use, the election sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet in sign area, and, if the election sign is displayed as a freestanding sign on the parcel, the election sign shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. If the election sign is displayed as a freestanding sign on the parcel, the election sign shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from all property lines and must be setback at least ten (10) feet from any curb or, if there is no curb, from the edge of pavement. An election sign shall be removed within two (2) calendar days following the election to which it pertains. On parcels that are in commercial use, the election sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area and, if the election sign is displayed as a freestanding sign on the parcel, the election sign shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

Please direct any questions you have to the Mary Esther Code Enforcement Division Director.

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CITY OF VALPARAISO POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE

Sec. 126-9. Prohibited and restricted signs.

(6) *Political signs.* Political signs will be placed at the maximum distance from the center line of the road, street, lane, avenue or highway, and within the outside edge of the right-of-way. All signs placed other than as specified above will be removed at owner's expense. Political signs are permitted only when displayed during the period of an election campaign. All such signs shall be removed within ten days after the election. A \$100.00 deposit is required before the placement of any political signs, unless applicant can show proof that he/she is indigent, in which case the deposit will be waived. If such signs are not removed within the required ten-day period, then the city has the right to retain a portion or all of the deposit for cleanup fees.