



Political Sign Standards

Department of Development Services

Pursuant to the following subsections of §14-217 Signs, of the *Zoning and Land Use Ordinance*:

(4) Signs not requiring a permit.

The following signs do not require a permit:

(a) Signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in a residential zoning district, the Office Transition district, Institutional district, and the Neighborhood district; or not exceeding nine (9) square feet in a downtown district (excluding the Office Transition district), Central Community district, the Office district; or sixteen (16) square feet in the Business and Transportation district, the High Intensity Commercial district, the High Intensity Retail district and the Industrial district.

(12) Location and height.

(d) **No sign or supporting structure may be located in or over any public right-of-way, including sidewalks.** Exception: Signs erected by or on behalf of or pursuant to the authorization of a governmental body, including legal notices, identification and informational signs, and traffic, directional or regulatory signs.

(14) Miscellaneous restrictions and prohibitions.

(b) No sign may be located so that it substantially interferes with the view necessary for motorists to proceed safely through intersections or to enter onto or exit from public streets or private roads.

(m) ...The city may immediately, and without prior notice, remove a sign erected, placed or maintained in whole or in part on public right-of-way if the sign is not authorized by state law or under the terms of this section. Removed signs will be stored at a City of Maryville facility pending disposal or returned to the rightful owner...

**For more information regarding sign regulations,
please contact:**

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865-273-3500
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For all other questions, please contact:

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RE: Placement of Political Signs

Dear Candidate and Campaign Staff:

The purpose of this notice is to make all candidates and their campaign staff aware of the adopted rules and regulations that impact the location of temporary signs which include political signs within the City of Maryville.

General Rules and Regulations:

Location

All temporary signs including political and campaign signs are prohibited within the city's road rights-of-way and this also includes Federal and State rights-of-way. A list of Federal and State rights-of-way located within the City of Maryville is provided at the end of this notice.

No political sign may be placed within any concrete or grassed median located within a public road right-of-way.

No sign shall be placed upon any city owned property at any time. This includes the Municipal Center grounds, the greenbelt, city parks, city schools, city utility buildings and other city properties.

Campaign signs are prohibited on any public utility pole or any street sign within the city limits.

Size

The city's sign ordinance regulates the size of temporary signs within the corporate limits. Political and campaign signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in residential districts and sixteen (16) square feet in commercial districts.

Installation

The City of Maryville does not restrict the time whereupon candidates and their campaigns may install and display political signs prior to the date of the election.

Removal

It is the responsibility of all candidates and their campaign staff to remove campaign signs after an election within a reasonable time.

Miscellaneous

The use of pennants, streamers, inflatables, or air-powered displays as a campaign eye-catcher are prohibited within the corporate limits.

It is very important for each candidate to refrain from driving stakes and poles into the ground near any intersection where there is a traffic signal. There are underground circuits and fiber optics that can be damaged. Costs of repairs can be very costly to candidates.

Signs that are in violation of the city codes will be removed by the candidates and their campaign's staff. If a sign is causing a visibility issue at an intersection, it will be removed by City of Maryville personnel or the candidate's staff promptly.

Federal and State rights-of-ways located within the city limits

Temporary and political signs are prohibited within all public rights-of-way including Federal and State roads located within the city. Federal and State road rights-of-way are as follows:

- US Highway 129 Bypass/State Route 115
- US Highway 321/East and West Lamar Alexander Parkway/State Route 73
- US Highway 411/East and West Broadway Avenue/State Route 33
- US Highway 411/Sevierville Road/State Route 35
- State Route 33 from US Highway 411 at entrance to Rambling Acres Subdivision to Sundance Road and West Broadway Avenue; from West Broadway Avenue at Sundance Road to East Broadway Avenue at Cusick Street; and along East Broadway Avenue at Cusick Street to Horn Street
- State Route 35 from Washington Street at Alcoa City limit to High Street; from High Street to Sevierville Road; from Sevierville Road to city limit at Swanee Drive.
- State Route 335 (Old Glory Road) from US Highway 321 to city limit.
- State Route 336 (Montvale Road) from West Lamar Alexander Parkway to city limit.
- State Route 446 (Foothills Mall Drive) from US Highway 129 to W. Lamar Alexander Parkway.
- State Route 447 (Washington Street) from Jones Avenue to High Street.

The City of Maryville appreciates your cooperation and compliance with these rules and regulations. If you have questions regarding the placement of a temporary sign, please check with Development Services Office at 865 273 3500 prior to installation of a sign.