



City of Philomath

Campaign Sign Bulletin

TO: Political candidates and citizen ballot measure committees

FROM: City Recorder Ruth Post

The information in this bulletin is provided to assist you in conducting your campaign based on the city's current sign code. Election signs are regulated as a Temporary sign in the Philomath Municipal Code Section 18.95 (Regulating Placement of Signs).

Temporary signs do not require a permit and are allowed to be displayed for a period of less than 90 consecutive days in any calendar year, or as is customary for the nature of the sign's purpose.

Signs must meet the following standards:

- Signs shall not exceed 16 square feet per dwelling unit.
- Signs shall only be placed on private property with the permission of the property owners.
- Signs may not be placed within any public right-of-way or sidewalk easement.
- If located along a public street, signs must be located behind the sidewalk regardless of property line location.
- Signs cannot impede sidewalks, exits or other pedestrian, vehicular, or bicycle way.
- Signs shall not be placed within traffic vision clearance areas.
- Signs shall not be attached to any fence, tree, shrubbery, utility pole, or like items.

Prohibited Signs:

- Flashing and moving signs
- Roof signs
- Signs which purport to be, are an imitation of, or resemble an official sign, or that make use of the words such as "STOP," "LOOK," or "DANGER."
- Signs which obstruct the visibility of any traffic control device.

Political signs are subject to the same maintenance requirements as other signs. All such signs must be maintained in good condition.

Signs that do not meet compliance with the Philomath Municipal Code may be subject to removal.

We know that you share with us a desire to equitably enforce these requirements. Experience has shown that adhering to the Sign Code will make your campaign signs more effective, will lessen criticism of your political signs and will maintain the neat and attractive appearance of our community.

Should you desire further clarification, or if you have other questions, please contact the City Manager at (541) 929-6148.