

11-7 Ordinance Regarding Political Signs

The purpose of this ordinance is to eliminate any hazard to the public by means of distraction, obstruction of site-lines and obstruction of walkways.

Definition:

"Political Sign" is any display utilized for the purpose of proposing or opposing the election of a candidate or ballot measure.

Prohibition of political signs on public property and in the public right-of-way:

No person shall place paint, mark or write on, post, attach, or otherwise affix, any sign to or upon any public property, including but not limited to any public building, sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, fence, wall, public playground equipment, and/or facilities, street lamp post, utility pole, hydrant, tree, street or traffic signs.

Additionally, no political sign shall be placed, posted, or otherwise affixed in the public right-of-way, including parkways or medians.

Political signs on private property:

They will not be placed in a manner that obstructs either vehicular traffic (either by physical obstruction or obstruction of sight lines) or pedestrian traffic. They shall not present a physical danger to persons or property.

Prohibition of Political Signs and Campaigning at polling property locations:

On the day of any election or referendum, no person shall or place, paint, mark or write on, post, attach, or otherwise affix, any sign to or upon any polling property locations, including but not limited to any public building, sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, fence, wall, public playground equipment, and/or facilities, street lamp post, utility pole, hydrant, tree, street or traffic signs.

Removal of signs:

Any sign which is an immediate peril or menace to the public or any person, or is posted on public property or in a public right-of-way may be removed without notice by the town. In the event signs are removed by the town, the candidate or his/her designee may retrieve their signs at the Department of Public Works garage.

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