



Guidelines for Homeowners: Posting Temporary Charitable, Educational, Political or Religious Signs

Definition of Temporary Signs

A temporary sign is one that is constructed of paper, cloth, canvas, fabric, cardboard, wallboard, wood, metal, or plastic or other light material, with or without frames, and which is intended to be displayed for a continuous period of **not more than sixty days**

Permitted Temporary Signs

Signs of not more than a total of twelve square feet in area, erected for charitable, educational, political or religious purposes are allowed without a permit. Only one side of a flat back-to-back sign is counted for this purpose.

Placement of Temporary Signs

- No sign shall be erected at the intersection of any streets or of a street and driveway in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision; or at any location where it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device.
- No signs shall be attached to motor vehicles, trailers or other movable objects regularly or recurrently located for fixed display.
- No sign shall be attached to a satellite dish, or any other type of tower or smoke stack.
- No portion of any sign shall be located above the roof line of a building. Roof line means the intersection of the exterior wall and the roof.
- No freestanding sign shall be located within a required side or rear yard or within fifteen feet of a street line or extend more than twenty feet above adjoining ground level.

Further Town Guidelines:

- Signs may only be posted on private property with the consent of the owner or tenant.
- No signs may be placed on public property. The berm (the grass plot area between the curb and the sidewalk) in most instances is part of the right of way and therefore signs may not be posted there.

Penalties for Non-Compliance:

- Non-compliant signs are subject to a fine of \$50 per day for each day that the violation continues.
- The Town may remove signs that are placed on public property.
- Signs that are removed by the Town will be retained at the Recycling/Transfer Station for 10 business days where they will be available for retrieval.
- After 10 days, retained signs will be discarded.

For further information on the placement of lawn signs, please refer to Article 5 of the Town's General Bylaws or contact the Building Department. For compliance with the State Election Laws relating to Political Signs and the 150 Foot Rule on Election Day, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.