

7.14.14 Temporary Political Signs

A. Temporary Political Signs on Private Residential Property.

Temporary political signs are permitted in all residential zoning districts, subject to the standards listed below:

1. Size and attachments.

Sign area shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area.

a. **Number of attachments permitted.** Not more than one (1) attachment may be placed upon a residential political sign.

b. **Maximum attachment size.** Sign attachment shall not exceed six (6) inches by twenty-four (24) inches in size.

2. Number.

One (1) sign per candidate or issue may be placed on a residential lot.

3. Placement.

Signs may only be placed upon an individual platted lot and are not permitted within swales, median strips, on the rear of the property, or at any location within any required safe-sight triangle. Signs shall be set back at least four (4) feet from the property line.

B. Temporary Political Signs on Nonresidential Property.

Temporary political signs are permitted in all commercial and industrial zoning districts as set forth below:

1. Size.

Sign area shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area.

2. Number.

One (1) sign per candidate or issue shall be permitted for each property.

3. Duration.

Signs shall be permitted no more than two (2) weeks prior to an election or vote. Signs shall be removed by the candidate within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the election. Signs remaining beyond the time period may be removed by the Village of Wellington.

C. Temporary Political Signs on Designated Public Property.

Temporary political signs are permitted on designated public property as provided below:

1. Placement.

Temporary signs shall be allowed on public property only in the designated areas identified below. Signs on public property may be located only within these areas. Signs installed outside these areas will be removed by the Village. Temporary political signs shall be placed within public rights-of-way within or adjacent to swale areas in areas designated and roped off by the Village in the following locations:

- a. Forest Hill Boulevard: on the north entrance to the community on both sides of the road, ~~and including the northwest corner of the intersection of Forest Hill Boulevard and the Florida Turnpike~~
- b. Forest Hill Boulevard: at Fairlane Farms on the north and south side of Forest Hill Boulevard.
- c. Big Blue Trace: at the north entrance to the community on both sides of the road;
- d. Bink's Forest Drive: at the north entrance to the community on both sides of the road; and
- e. Lake Worth Road: at the intersection of C-8 Canal on both sides of the road.

2. Hazards.

Temporary signs shall not be placed or constructed so as to create a safety or traffic hazard or to be erected closer than four (4) feet to the edge of a roadway.

3. Size.

Sign area shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. Signs shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

4. Duration.

Signs shall be permitted no more than two (2) weeks prior to an election or vote. Signs shall be removed by the candidate within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the election. Signs remaining beyond the time period may be removed by the Village of Wellington. If the Village Manager or their designee determines that weather or emergent conditions occur or are projected to occur, which may result in the signs becoming a hazard to property or life, the Village Manager or their designee may order the removal of the signs from the designated right-of-way areas.

The Village shall attempt to give notice to the campaigns responsible for the signs, advising them to remove and secure the signs. In the event there is insufficient time to allow for removal of the signs by the campaigns or the campaigns have not removed such signs within the time frame given to them by the Village, the Village Manager or their designee may order Village employees, agents, or subcontractors to remove the signs. The Village does not have any responsibility to maintain any signs removed from the right-of-way in a good or secure condition and may dispose of such signs.

Any sign that is located in a non-designated area or is located in a designated area within the public right-of-way beyond the durational limits imposed by this section, shall be considered abandoned and may be removed and destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

After the Village Manager or their designee makes a determination that the emergent conditions have concluded, the Village will endeavor to notify the

campaigns and advise them as to the time period when signs will be permitted to be reinstalled within the designated locations.

5. Materials.

Signs shall be constructed of durable materials such as metal, wood, plastic, or heavy poster board. Signs shall be installed with appropriate freestanding, ground-mounted supports.

6. Number

Two (2) or more signs bearing the same message or supporting the same candidate or issue shall not be erected at the same location.

D. Free Speech, Residential Zoning Districts.

Free speech signs may be installed in any residential zoning district, subject to the limits listed below:

1. Size.

Sign area shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area.

- a. **Number of attachments permitted.** Not more than one (1) attachment may be placed upon a residential free speech sign.
- b. **Maximum attachment size.** Sign attachment shall not exceed six (6) inches by twenty-four (24) inches in size.

2. Number.

One (1) sign per issue may be placed on a residential lot.

3. Placement.

Signs may only be placed upon an individual platted lot and are not permitted within swales, median strips, on the rear of the property, or at any location within a required safe-sight triangle, or to negatively impact the aesthetics of the community. Signs shall be set back at least four (4) feet from the property line.

E. Free Speech, Nonresidential Zoning Districts.

Free-speech signs may be installed in lieu of any sign permitted within a nonresidential zoning district. Any permanent sign erected pursuant to the provisions of this Article may, at the option of the applicant or sign owner, contain a non-commercial message. The non-commercial message may occupy the entire sign face or a portion thereof. The sign face may be changed to contain noncommercial messages as frequently as desired, provided that the sign conforms to the regulations of this Article. If a change of copy pursuant to this subsection is desired, no permit is necessary.