



Excerpt of Zoning Ordinance 360, Section 23, Applicable to
Political Signs

23.01.01 Prohibited Signs, Locations, Materials, and Sign Types

A. Locations that are Prohibited.

1. **Public Rights-of-Way.** Other than official government signs or warning signs required by law, or expressly allowed under Section 23A, no inanimate sign shall be placed in median strips or islands, on sidewalks, trees, retaining walls, bridges, benches, traffic signals, public fences, poles or utility equipment, street lighting, or utility poles or on traffic signs or traffic sign posts or supporting structures, or on utility poles, anchor wires or guy wires, or elsewhere within the public right-of-way.
2. **Trees.** No sign shall be hung on, affixed to, or cut into any tree or other living vegetation.
3. **Terrain.** No sign may be cut, burned, planted, marked or displayed in any manner on a cliff or hillside.

**Excerpt of sections of sign ordinance governing aggregate size for
residential and commercial properties**

This information is intended to help candidates determine what size campaign sign to purchase. Candidates will want to keep in mind that the limits below are aggregated for purposes of displaying multiple signs. Candidates will also want to note that there are different regulations governing residential and commercial property, and different regulations for various types of commercial properties, depending on the location.

TABLE 23.07.02 : MAXIMUM ALLOWED SIGN AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL USES

	Total Sign Area (square feet)
Detached Single Family and Duplex Units	8
Multi-family Complex - Each Unit	2
Master Unit of Multi-family and Mixed-use Complexes less than 20,000 sq. ft. parcel	12
Master Unit of Multi-family and Mixed-use Complexes 20,000 sq. ft. or larger parcel	24

Sections addressing commercial signage:

23.01.02 A-Frame Signs (Note – applicable in Village zoning districts only)

Temporary A-frame signs are allowed in the Village Zoning Districts (defined below) and for assembly uses subject to the following standards.

- A. **Placement.** A-frame signs shall be placed on private property on the same lot as the establishment that qualifies for such sign. A-frame signs are prohibited on the public right-of-way.
- B. **Maximum Number.** Each establishment shall not have more than one (1) A-frame sign.
- C. **Hours for Display.** A-frame signs shall be removed during hours when the establishment is not open to the public and shall not be displayed after the event with which they are associated is over.
- D. **Maximum Size.** Five (5) square feet.
- E. **Maximum Height.** Three (3) feet.
- F. **Materials.** The supporting structure of A-frame signs shall not be constructed from plastic, and shall be suitably weighted to prevent tipping or movement from wind.

FIGURE 23.06.01: VILLAGE SIGN DISTRICTS



(This section applies to all commercial zones.)

23.01.03 Temporary Window Signs

In nonresidential uses, up to two (2) square feet per establishment of temporary sign may be displayed in the interior of a window. Such sign shall be placed at the lowest corner of the window.

Regulations applicable to hand-held signs on street corners and sidewalks:

Section 23A.02 Noncommercial Displays

In areas qualifying as traditional public forums, private persons may display non-commercial message signs without a permit, subject to the following limitations:

- A. **Personally Held.** The signs must be personally held by one or more persons.
- B. **Permitted Times.** The signs may be displayed only during the time period of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on occasions when the City Council and/or the Planning Commission or other City commissions, boards or committees are holding public hearings or meetings; on such occasions, the display period is extended to thirty minutes after such meeting is officially adjourned.
- C. **Permitted Size.** The maximum size of any one sign held by two or more persons shall not exceed six (6) square feet per person. The maximum aggregate size of all signs held by a single person shall not exceed six (6) square feet. For purposes of this rule, apparel and other aspects of personal appearance do not count toward the maximum aggregate sign area. Apparel includes any type of personal clothing, but does not include any which are used for the support or mounting of signage.
- D. **Maximum Height.** The maximum height of any hand held sign shall not exceed 10 feet, measured from the sidewalk.
- E. **Sign Type.** The sign may not have more than two display faces and may not be inflatable or air-activated.
- F. **Traffic and Pedestrian Safety.** In order to serve the City's interests in traffic flow and safety, persons displaying signs under this subsection:
 1. May not stand in any vehicular traffic lane when a roadway is open for use by vehicles; and
 2. Must provide at least four feet wide clearance space for pedestrians.
 3. The sign may not be located in the visibility triangle as defined herein.
 4. Signs and persons holding the sign(s) may not block the free and clear vision of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

In Summary:

- *Campaign signs on residential property allowed (no time limits) as long as the aggregate of signs on any one property does not exceed the maximums set out in Table 23.07.02. This aggregate includes all signs, not just campaign signs.*
- *Campaign signs on commercial properties in the Village Zoning District (as defined in Figure 23.06.01) allowed on A-frames for a maximum size of five feet and maximum height of three feet. Please note restrictions as described in Section 23.01.02, including the requirement that such signs be removed during hours when the associated establishment is not open to the public*
- *Campaign signs in all other commercial zoning districts are limited to window signs only (i.e., no signs on metal frames in the landscaping or other areas on the commercial property), with an aggregate total permitted of two square feet per establishment (aggregate would include any other temporary signs they might post). This provision also applies to the Village Zoning District, in addition to the A-frame.*
- *Hand-held signs (such as is often done on election day) is permitted with the restrictions as outlined in Section 23A.02 above*