

City of Palm Bay, Florida

Code of Ordinances Chapter 178: Signs

§ 178.09 EXEMPTED SIGNS.

Signs of the following categories and the listed operations pertaining to signs shall not require the issuance of a sign permit provided such signs and operations conform with all other building, structural and electrical standards and regulations of the city, together with the regulations provided herein.

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F) *Political or campaign signs.* Political or campaign signs are signs that advertise on behalf of candidates for public offices or referendum issues and are permitted within the city subject to the following regulations:

(1) All candidates and political action committees (PAC) erecting signs within the city shall register with the Office of the City Clerk;

(2) All political or campaign signs shall be removed within seven working days after an election in which a candidate is either elected or not, or a referendum issue decided;

(3) Only one (1) stationary sign per candidate or referendum issue shall be erected on any one (1) parcel of land; except should there be more than one (1) tenant, each tenant shall be permitted one (1) sign per candidate or per issue.

(4) No political or campaign sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in aggregate area and if detached, shall not be erected in such a manner as to constitute a roof sign. A double-faced (back-to-back) sign or a V-shaped sign attached at one (1) end shall be considered one (1) sign. The angle spread on V-shaped signs shall not exceed two (2) feet. No prohibited signs, as listed in § 178.10, shall be permitted. Notwithstanding the provisions of this division (4), a sign may be placed upon any legally existing private sign structure, but only with permission of the individual who has property rights of such sign.

(5) No political or campaign sign shall be located on utility poles, regulatory signs or their posts, public properties, or in, on, or over the public state, county, or city rights-of-way or easements. No political or campaign sign shall obstruct, impede, or otherwise create a hazardous condition for the safe and normal flow of pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic.

(6) No political or campaign sign shall be placed on any tree, fence post, or any other structure (unless such structure is specifically constructed for the placement of a sign) located on private property. In case of violation, the candidate or PAC shall be notified by certified mail to remove the sign and be given twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of such notice to correct the violation. If the sign is not removed within the specified time frame, the violation shall be reported to the code enforcement section for further action. No political or campaign sign shall be placed or erected on private property without the consent of the property owner.

(7) The city shall have the authority to immediately remove any political or campaign sign found to be displayed, located or erected on public property, public easements or public rights-of-way in violation of the provisions of this section. No notice is required to be given by the city to the candidate or PAC of such removal.