

City of Lake Worth City Code

Chapter 3 “Building Regulations”:

Section 3.13.006 Political signs

(a) A person commits an offense if the person erects or displays a sign which contains primarily a political message if the sign:

- (1) Is more than eight feet in height;
- (2) Has a gross surface area of greater than 36 square feet;
- (3) Is illuminated;
- (4) Has any moving elements; or
- (5) Is located within the public right-of-way, a public easement, or a visibility triangle.

(b) A person who erects or maintains a sign which contains primarily a political message on a temporary basis on a sign generally available for rent or purchase to carry commercial advertising or other messages that are not primarily political shall comply with the regulations applicable to that type of sign.

Sec. 3.13.011 Temporary and portable signs

(a) Temporary signs. Temporary on-premises and off-premises signs are permitted in all zoning districts except for the SF-7.5, Single-Family 7.5 District and SF-0, Single-Family Zero Lot Line District, subject to the following restrictions:

(1) A temporary sign permit must be obtained from the city prior to erecting or placing the sign. Permits for temporary signs shall be granted only with the written consent of the owner of the property or the person in charge of such property.

(A) A temporary sign permit for property in a nonresidential zoning district shall be valid for thirty (30) days. No additional temporary sign permit shall be granted for the property for a period of thirty (30) days after the expiration of the previous permit. No more than four temporary signs may be placed on any property during any calendar year.

(B) Temporary signs in residential zoning districts other than the SF-7.5, Single-Family 7.5 District and SF-0, Single-Family Zero Lot Line District shall be permitted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days per calendar year.

(2) No more than five (5) temporary signs shall be authorized by any one (1) temporary sign permit.

(3) The total square footage of all temporary signs placed by one permit holder shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet.

(4) The maximum permitted height of a temporary sign is six (6) feet.

(5) The temporary sign permit fee shall be waived where the applicant is a nonprofit organization that can demonstrate current IRS tax-exempt status.

(b) Portable signs. Portable on-premises and off-premises signs are permitted in nonresidential zoning districts and are subject to the following regulations:

(1) A person may display a portable sign for a new on-premises business for a continuous period of six (6) months, beginning no earlier than ninety (90) days before the date that the new business receives a certificate of occupancy from the city.

(2) Thereafter, a person may erect and display a portable sign for a period of up to thirty (30) days. The portable sign shall be removed for not less than thirty (30) days prior to the issuance of another permit. No more than four portable signs may be placed on any property during any calendar year. Permits for such signs shall be granted only with the written consent of the owner of the property or the person in charge of such property.

(3) A portable sign must be removed before the permit authorizing the sign expires. If the event, activity, or product advertised on the sign terminates before the permit expires, then the sign must be removed within three days of when this occurs.

NOTE:

The Texas Administrative Code must also be observed for regulations of signs along highways.

Texas Administrative Code

Title 43 – Transportation

Part 1 – Texas Department of Transportation

Chapter 21 – Right of Way

Subchapter 1 – Regulation of Signs along Interstate and Primary Highways

Division 1 – Signs

Rule §21.146 Exempt Signs

Subsection (a) (10)

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