

4.6008 POLITICAL SIGNS

- a) Political signs may be placed on privately owned real property in any zoning district without first obtaining a sign Permit if the sign:
- 1) Is eight (8) feet or less in height measured from the top of the sign to the ground;
 - 2) The sign face area is 36 square feet or less;
 - 3) Is not illuminated internally or externally; and
 - 4) Has no moving elements.
- b) Prior to locating a political sign on any property within the City that does not comply with subsection a) of this section, a person must obtain a Temporary Sign Permit for the sign and otherwise comply with [Section 4.6011](#) with respect to the zoning district in which the sign is to be located.
- c) No political sign shall be erected on private real property without the consent of the owner of the property.
- d) No political sign shall be located on any portion of any property dedicated by plat or separate instrument as the right-of-way of a public highway, street, or alley.

(Ordinance 2013-24, sec. 4.5810, adopted 7/9/13; Ordinance 2014-29 adopted 7/22/14; Ordinance 2018-20 adopted 4/10/18)

Sec. 1.10.003 Regulations and exceptions of electioneering

- (a) Political signs may be placed at a designated polling place subject to the following:
- (1) Shall only be placed within the designated area shown in [Illustration No. 1.10.001-1](#).
 - (2) No more than two (2) political signs for each candidate, political party, or for or against a measure shall be placed within the designated area for political signs as shown in [Illustration No. 1.10.001-1](#).
 - (3) Shall comply with the provisions of [section 4.6008](#) of the city's zoning ordinance, except:
 - (A) The sign face area of a political sign shall not exceed two feet (2.0') by two feet (2.0').
 - (B) Political signs may be placed no earlier than 7:00 a.m. on the seventh (7th) day prior to the first day of the early voting period and removed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth (5th) day after the election day.
 - (4) A political sign affixed to or located on a motor vehicle is not subject to the size restrictions of this article but is subject to the following:
 - (A) The vehicle must be parked in a designated parking space except when entering and leaving the property; and
 - (B) The parking of the vehicle on the property is subject to the same regulations as the parking of other vehicles on the property, including, but not limited to, any restrictions or prohibitions on overnight parking.
 - (5) It shall be an offense for any person to violate any provision of this section. Signs placed in violation of this section are subject to removal by the code enforcement division or designated representative of the city without notice.
 - (b) This section does not authorize the location of political signs on any area of any public property located within the right-of-way of a public street, alley, or highway.
 - (c) Electioneering shall only be allowed within the designated area shown in [Illustration No. 1.10.001-1](#), subject to the following:

- (1) Persons participating in electioneering shall not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic or impede the normal day-to-day operations of the area designated as a polling place;
- (2) It shall be unlawful for a person to participate in electioneering at the designated polling place outside the area shown in [Illustration No. 1.10.001-1](#); and
- (3) Signs may be placed within the permitted electioneering location as shown in [Illustration No. 1.10.001-1](#) provided the signs do not physically touch any part of the premises.

Sec. 1.10.004 Midlothian Conference Center as designated polling place

For purposes of this article, the Midlothian Conference Center is a designated polling place. [Illustration No. 1.10.001-1](#) shows the locations of areas in which signs are permitted to be placed on the premises and locations of areas in which electioneering is permitted provided that such does not conflict with state law.

Illustration No. 1.10.001-1



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