



# Development Services Bureau

Escambia County, Florida

## Political / Campaign Sign Requirements



A political sign is a temporary sign announcing or supporting political candidates or issues in connection with any national, state, or local election.

Political signs subject to the restrictions of section 8.05.04. are considered exempt from the permitting requirements of section 8.02.00. However, exempt signs shall be safely constructed, situated and maintained in such manner as to not create a hazard or nuisance to the public. (LDC 8.04.01.O.)

***Any temporary sign must be maintained off the right-of-way at all times.***

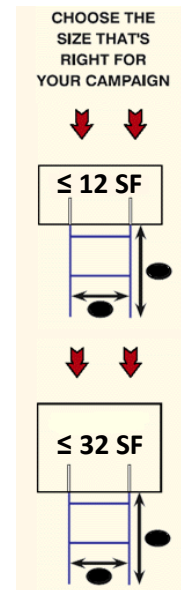
8.05.04. *Political signs.* Temporary political campaign signs are allowed without permit in all zoning districts subject to the following restrictions:

A. The following dimensional standards shall be:

- Residential districts, maximum size per sign . . . .12 sq. ft.
- All other districts, signage per zone lot . . . . . 32 sq. ft.

B. Each candidate for political office shall remove, or be responsible for the removal of all of his/her political campaign advertisements within 30 calendar days after:

1. Withdrawal of candidacy;
2. Having been eliminated as a candidate; or
3. Being elected to office.



However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements that are in the form of a billboard erected by an outdoor advertising business.

It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any sign which constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by reason of its size, location, movement, coloring or method of illumination. No sign shall obstruct vehicular vision between 3 feet and 9 ½ feet measured vertically from the street level at the base of the sign. Any sign which obstructs the vision between pedestrians and vehicles using the public right-of-way including, but not restricted to, those not meeting visibility standards in this Code is prohibited. Prohibited signs include, but are not limited to, privately placed signs in public rights-of-way, signs attached in any way upon telephone poles, utility poles, fences (except as allowed in section 8.06.02), bridges, sidewalks, trees or other natural objects and projecting signs that project into the public right-of-way or the site triangle of motorists or do not maintain a minimum clear height of 9 1/2 feet above ground. (LDC 8.04.02)