Dunedin, FL

Temporary Political Signs

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2019 Florida Statutes

106.1435 Usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.—

(1) Each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political campaign advertisements within 30 days after:

(a) Withdrawal of his or her candidacy;
(b) Having been eliminated as a candidate; or
(c) Being elected to office.

However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements which are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons.

(2) If political campaign advertisements are not removed within the specified period, the political subdivision or governmental entity has the authority to remove such advertisements and may charge the candidate the actual cost for such removal. Funds collected for removing such advertisements shall be deposited to the general revenue of the political subdivision.

(3) Pursuant to chapter 479, no political campaign advertisements shall be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed, or located on or above any state or county road right-of-way.

(4) The officer before whom a candidate qualifies for office shall notify the candidate, in writing, of the provisions in this section.

(5) This provision does not preclude municipalities from imposing additional or more stringent requirements on the usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.

History.—s. 1, ch. 84-221; s. 20, ch. 84-302; s. 14, ch. 87-224; s. 647, ch. 95-147.
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Code of Ordinances

CITY CHARTER

Section 5.02. - Nonpartisan Elections.

All nominations and elections for the City Commission shall be conducted without regard for or designation of political party affiliation.

Subpart B - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

Section 105-29.3.8 - Temporary Sign Installation and Removal

a. General rule concerning temporary signs. Unless otherwise provided for in this article, temporary signs shall not be erected for more than 100 days prior to the event being advertised on the temporary sign begins, and they shall be removed promptly at the event's conclusion. Temporary signs not advertising an event to occur on a specific date but which are related to the occurrence of an expected future event or transaction, including, but not limited to, temporary real estate for sale signs, shall not be subject to the one hundred (100) day provision of this subsection, but such signs shall also be removed promptly upon the earliest of the occurrence of the event or transaction, or the expiration of the listing or other similar change in facts eliminating the opportunity of the future event or transaction from occurring.

b. Usage and removal of political campaign advertisements. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 106.1435, each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, municipal or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political campaign advertisements within 30 days after:

1. Withdrawal of his or her 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 which are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in Florida Statutes chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons. If political campaign advertisements are not removed within the specified period, the City shall have the authority to remove such advertisements and may charge the candidate the actual cost for such removal. Funds collected for removing such advertisements shall be deposited to the general revenue of the City.

(Ord. No. 18-25, § 6, 9-20-2018)

Appendix A-1 - SIGN CODE DEFINITIONS

- **Sign** means any device, fixture, placard or structure, including its component parts, which draws attention to an object, product, place, activity, opinion, person, institution, organization, or place of business, or which identifies or promotes the interests of any person and which is to be viewed from any public street, road, highway, right-of-way or parking area. For the purposes of these regulations, the term "Sign" shall include all structural members. A sign shall be construed to be a display surface or device containing organized and related elements composed to form a single unit. In cases where matter is displayed in a random or unconnected manner without organized relationship of the components, each such component shall be considered to be a single sign. In the case of a permanent sign made of any fabric or other non-rigid material the sign shall conform to each specification for such signs found elsewhere in the Code. However, the following are not within the definition of a "Sign" for regulatory purposes of this chapter:

1. **Architectural features:** Decorative or architectural features of buildings (not including lettering, trademarks or moving parts);

2. **Symbols embedded in architecture:** Symbols of noncommercial organizations or concepts including, but not limited to, religious or political symbols, when such are permanently integrated into the structure of a permanent building which is otherwise legal;

3. **Personal appearance:** Items or devices of personal apparel, decoration or appearance, including tattoos, makeup, costumes (but not including commercial mascots);
4. Manufacturers' marks: Marks on tangible products, which identify the maker, seller, provider or product, and which customarily remain attached to the product even after sale;

5. Fireworks, etc.: The legal use of fireworks, candles and artificial lighting not otherwise regulated by this chapter;

6. Certain insignia on vehicles and vessels: On-street legal vehicles and properly licensed watercraft: license plates, license plate frames, registration insignia, noncommercial messages;

7. Grave stones or grave markers;

8. Newsracks and newsstands.

9. Artwork that does not function as a sign or meet the definition of "Sign" herein, but is purely decorative in nature.

10. Holiday and seasonal decorations that do not meet the definition of "Sign" herein.

**Sign, election, means a temporary sign erected or displayed for the purpose of expressing support for or opposition to a candidate or stating a position regarding an issue upon which the voters of the City shall vote.**
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Sign, **directional**, means any sign which exclusively contains information providing direction or location of any object, place, or area including but not limited to those signs indicating avenues of ingress/egress.

Sign, **directory**, means a freestanding sign containing only the names of some or all of the business establishments within a shopping center or business center and/or a map of such.

Sign, **double-faced**, means a sign which has two display surfaces backed against the same background, one face of which is designed to be seen from one direction and the other from the opposite direction, every point on each face being either in contact with the other face or in contact with the same background.

Sign, **election**, means a temporary sign erected or displayed for the purpose of expressing support for or opposition to a candidate or stating a position regarding an issue upon which the voters of the City shall vote.

Sign, **exempt(ed)**, means a sign for which a permit is not required, but which must, nonetheless, conform to the other terms and conditions of this chapter and all other relevant ordinances, statutes and laws.

Sign, **face**, means the part of the sign, including trim and background, that is or can be used to identify, display, advertise, communicate information, or for visual representation which attracts or intends to attract the attention of the public for any purpose.

Sign, **free expression**, means a sign, not in excess of six square feet in size (area) and the top of which is not more than four feet off the ground, communicating information, ideas or views, or containing any noncommercial message that is otherwise lawful.

Sign, **freestanding**, means any sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on or anchored in the ground or at ground level and which are independent of any building or other structure. Signs on legally constructed perimeter and entry walls and fences are freestanding signs where such signs are located adjacent to a property or subdivision entrance.

Sign, garage or yard sale, or garage-yard, means any on-site temporary sign pertaining to the sale of personal property in, at or upon any residentially-zoned property located in the City. Garage or yard sales shall include but not be limited to all such sales, and shall include the advertising of the holding of any such sale, or other offering to make any sale, whether made under any name such as garage sale, lawn sale, yard sale, front yard sale, back yard sale, attic sale, rummage sale, patio sale, moving sale, or any similar designation.

Sign, gasoline price, means a changeable message sign, typically mounted on a freestanding sign, which displays the prices of gasoline for sale.

Sign, **holiday decoration**, means any display during a holiday season which shall be removed within 14 days of the conclusion of the holiday.

Sign, holographic display, means an advertising display that creates a three-dimensional image through projection, OLED (organic light emitting diode), or any similar technology.

Sign, **identity**, means any sign which indicates no more than the name, address, company logo and occupation or function of an establishment or premises.

Sign, illuminated, means any sign or portion thereof which is illuminated by artificial light, either from an interior or exterior source, including outline, reflective or phosphorescent light (including but not limited to plasma or laser), whether or not the source of light is directly affixed as part of the sign, and shall also include signs with reflectors that depend upon sunlight or automobile headlights for an image.
Sign, permanent, means a sign which is firmly supported or attached by means of bolts, foundations, etc., and must be maintained in a safe condition at all times and must meet all requirements under the city building and other applicable codes, ordinances, provisions and laws.

Sign, portable, means any sign, banner, or poster that is not permanently attached to the ground or to a structure that is attached to the ground or a sign capable of being transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels, signs converted to A or T frames, menu and sandwich board signs. For purposes of this division, a cold air inflatable sign shall be considered to be a portable sign.

Sign, projecting, means any sign affixed perpendicular, or at any angle to a building or wall in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than twelve (12) inches beyond the surface of such building or wall.

Sign, real estate, means any sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of premises, or part of the premises, on which the sign is displayed.

Sign, roof, means a sign located on or projecting above the roof or building.

Sign, sandwich board, means a portable, freestanding, movable and double-faced sign not exceeding thirty-two (32) inches wide and forty-eight (48) inches high.

Sign, snipe, means any small sign of any material, including paper, cardboard, wood and metal, when tacked, nailed or attached in any way to trees or other objects.

Sign, subdivision or other residential development, means a sign which contains only the name of a subdivided subdivision or other residential development. An affidavit stating who will be responsible for the maintenance of permitted subdivision signs shall be filed with the application for a sign permit.

Sign, statutory, means a sign required by any statute of the United States, State of Florida, or any agency or subdivision thereof such as the Florida Department of Transportation.

Sign, structure, means any structure which is designed specifically for the purposes of supporting a sign. This definition shall include decorative covers, braces, wires, supports, or components attached to or placed around the sign structure.

Sign, temporary, means a sign which is displayed for a limited period of time, usually less than one year but not to exceed the time limit authorized by this Code for a particular temporary sign use.

Sign, traffic control device, means any sign located within the right-of-way that is used as a traffic control device and that is described and identified in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and approved by the Federal Highway Administrator as the National Standard. A traffic control device sign includes those signs that are classified and defined by their function as regulatory signs (that give notice of traffic laws or regulations), warning signs (that give notice of a situation that might not readily be apparent), and guide signs (that show route designations, directions, distances, services, points of interest, and other geographical, recreational, or cultural information).

Sign, time and temperature, means any sign whose only function is the display of current information about current time and/or temperature at the approximate location of the sign.

Sign, trailer, means any sign that is affixed or placed on a trailer or other portable device that may be pulled by a vehicle.

Sign, umbrella, means a sign printed on umbrellas used for legal outdoor eating and drinking establishments, push-carts, sidewalk cafes and which is made of a lightweight fabric or similar material.