

## POLITICAL SIGNAGE



### CITY OF MIAMI - CODE

#### **Sec. 54-7. Political or other advertisements not to be placed on city property or trash receptacles.**

It shall be unlawful to place political advertisements, handbills or snipe signs or billboards on city-owned property and trash receptacles placed upon city streets and sidewalks.

(Code 1967, § 38-42; Code 1980, § 37-56)

**State law references:** Authority of local governments to establish sign ordinances, F.S. §§ 106.1435, 166.0425, 479.155.



### CITY OF MIAMI - ZONING CODE

#### **ARTICLE 10. SIGN REGULATIONS**

#### **Sec. 10.3. Signs exempted from permit requirements; other limitations, regulations, and requirements remain applicable.**

##### ***10.3.2.5. Political election signs.***

In nonresidential districts:

No sign permit shall be required for political election signs displayed on private property, in nonresidential districts, not exceeding fifteen (15) square feet in aggregate of sign surface area. Such signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days of the election period.

In residential districts:

No sign permit shall be required for political election signs displayed on private property, in residential districts, not exceeding four (4) square feet in aggregate of sign surface area. Such signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days of the election period.

**10.3.2.6.** All temporary signs covered in this section shall, in addition to the size limitations specified above, be subject to the following limitations and responsibilities:

(a) In residential districts, the maximum height of such signs shall be limited to four (4) feet from grade to the top of signs.

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(b) In nonresidential districts, the maximum height of such signs shall be limited to fifteen (15) feet from grade to the top of signs.

(c) Vision clearance areas shall be maintained at street corners and driveways (see section 10.4).

(d) All signs must conform to the requirements of chapter 42 of the South Florida Building Code as may be amended, except for painted wall signs and paper signs in windows. Portable signs, except for sign vehicles, herein defined as "signs not secured to the ground in accordance with chapter 42 of the South Florida Building Code, as may be amended," shall not be allowed.

(e) Sign vehicles consisting of temporary signs under ten (10) square feet in area may be parked on private property in commercial and industrial districts for a period not to exceed eight (8) hours per day. Sign vehicles consisting of temporary signs in excess of ten (10) square feet shall be permissible only by Class II Special Permit, in order to ensure that such signs are not visually obtrusive, dangerous due to the increased size and that the method of attachment is appropriate. No such sign vehicle shall be parked on private property in residential districts. No sign vehicle shall be parked closer than ten (10) feet from the base building line. Signs on a sign vehicle shall not be illuminated.

(f) The property owner on which a temporary sign is posted shall be responsible for any hazard to the general public which is caused by, or created by reason of, the installation and/or maintenance of such temporary sign; and in the case of temporary political election signs, the candidate or, when a proposition is involved, the person advocating the vote described on the sign, shall also be responsible for its removal in accordance with Florida Statute section 106.1435.

**10.3.2.7. Removal.** Any temporary sign not posted in accordance with the provisions of this Article and any such sign which exists in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to the imposition of fines and written notice of violation requiring removal by the property owner in accordance with the applicable sections of the City Code and/or Zoning Ordinance; and in the case of temporary political elections signs, the candidate or, when a proposition is involved, the person advocating the vote described on the sign, shall also be responsible for its removal in accordance with Florida Statute section 106.1435.

(Ord. No. 12213, § 1, 4-11-02)