

02-16 - 8.9 - Political Campaign Signs.

1) In General. A political campaign sign is a temporary sign specifically advertising a candidate or stating a position regarding an issue that will appear on any primary, general or special election ballot in the Town of Interlachen or Putnam County. A candidate is a person who has qualified for placement on an election ballot in the Town of Interlachen or Putnam County. Political messages, including campaign messages, on signs authorized or exempt under other provisions of this Ordinance are not restricted by this Section.

2) Zoning and Location. Allowed in any zoning, subject to the following:

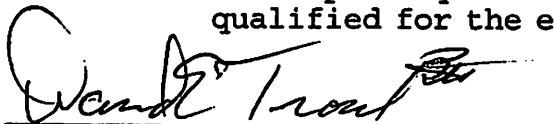
- a) Signs shall be placed on private property only with the consent of the property owner.
- b) Signs shall not be placed on any road right-of-way, utility easement or on any government property.
- c) Signs are not subject to property line setback requirements, but shall meet the following standards:
 - 1) Near intersections of streets and driveways the signs must meet the requirements of Subsection 7.4 of this Ordinance.
 - 2) Signs shall not be placed in areas where they will interfere with safe sight distances for pedestrian, cyclists or motor vehicular traffic.

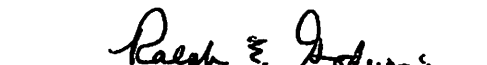
3) Number. No limit.

4) Permits are not required for these temporary signs unless there is an electrical connection to them. Signs must be constructed, erected and maintained in a manner that does not pose a hazard to people or structures. If illuminated, the sign must meet the illumination standards in Section 7 of this Ordinance. Political messages, including campaign messages, on signs authorized under other provisions of this Ordinance are subject to permitting requirements.


5) Limited Duration.

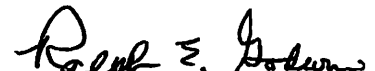
- A) Signs may be erected up to fifty (50) days before the first primary election, if the candidate or issue is qualified for the election ballot pursuant to State Law.


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- B) The winners of the primary election are allowed to have their signs remain or erect new signs in the period between the first primary election and general election. The general election candidates may erect signs during this period.
 - C) All signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) days of a candidate's or issue's withdrawal, loss or victory in an election.
- 6) Number and Size of Sign Faces.
- A) One (1) face or two (2) parallel faces on a common support are allowed.
 - B) A sign face in a residential zoning district shall not district shall not exceed six (6) square feet.
 - C) A sign face in any non-residential zoning district shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
- 7) Height.
- A) Signs in a residential zoning district shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
 - B) Signs in any non-residential zoning district shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.
- 8) Removal of signs in violation of Town Regulations.
- A) Removal of signs in violation of Town regulations shall be the responsibility of the candidate.
 - B) Signs in violation of Town regulations may be removed by the Town under the following conditions:
 - 1) The Town shall notify candidate and direct the sign to be removed; and
 - 2) If the sign is not removed within forty-eight (48) hours of notification, the Codes Enforcement Officer is authorized to remove the sign.


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