

Temporary Signs: Residential

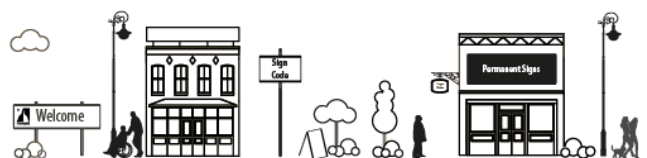
Non-Residential Uses and Multifamily Complexes are covered under a separate handout.

A residential home or unit may have a temporary sign that is “commercial” or “non-commercial” in its message. Temporary Signs may be permitted, as follows:

Temporary Signs - Commercial Message		
Sign Type OMC 18.02.180	Maximum Size	Additional Provisions
Construction	32 sq. ft.	When construction activity is taking place on site. Remove within 10 days of completion
Real Estate	See 18.43.080(I)	No temporary sign agreement needed
Window	Up to 25% of the window can be covered	No flashing, scrolling, movement

1. Sign Types - Construction - Materials. There is no restriction on the type of temporary sign (i.e., the sign construction or materials used) allowed on residential properties provided that all other regulations and provisions of the sign code are met.
2. Quantity. There are no restrictions on the number of temporary signs allowed on private property in the residential sign zone.
3. Size.
 - a. Temporary Freestanding Signs. No temporary freestanding sign shall be greater than 12 square feet in size, with no sign face exceeding six square feet. The sign shall not exceed four (4) feet in height, as measured from the ground to the top of the sign.
 - b. Building-Mounted Signs. Building-mounted temporary signs attached flush to the face of the building:
 - Shall not have a maximum height; provided, that no sign shall extend beyond the roofline of the building; and
 - In aggregate (i.e., the total of all building-mounted temporary signs) shall not cover more than 20 percent of the building’s facade.
4. Window Signs. Signs placed in or on windows shall, in aggregate, not exceed 25 percent of the area of the window on which they are displayed.
5. Yard/Lawn Signs. In accordance with standards outlined in Section 18.43.080.
6. Noncommercial. All temporary signs in the residential sign zone shall only display noncommercial copy, unless otherwise allowed (e.g. real estate, construction signs). For the purposes of this chapter, garage and yard sale signs are considered to be temporary and noncommercial signage.

Garage Sales (Yard Sales, Moving Sales, Patio Sales): No sign permit or Temporary Sign Agreement is required. Such signs shall be limited to one sign on the premises and three off-premises signs. The signs shall not exceed four square feet in sign area. The sign or signs may be displayed only during the sale and must be removed the day the sale ends. The person or persons for which the sign or signs are displayed shall be responsible for removal and/or is subject to the penalties as provided in this code. If placed in the right of way, the signs shall also meet the applicable placement standards below.



Temporary Signs in Right of Way: Temporary signs may be placed in the planter strip (the landscaped area between the curb and sidewalk) or unimproved right-of-way pursuant to the following:

1. No more than three (3) temporary signs are allowed in the right of way per street frontage, per lot. For residential properties actively for sale or lease, one of the three temporary signs may be a real estate sign.
2. No temporary sign may be greater than four feet in height above grade and is subject to the clear view sight triangle standards per Chapter 4 of the Engineering Design and Development Standards.
3. Temporary signs in the right of way may only contain noncommercial messages and must meet the standards of Sections 18.43.060 and 18.43.085.

Duration: Any temporary sign that is specific to an event shall be removed within five (5) days of the end of the event, unless otherwise stated in this chapter.

Noncommercial Message Signs

Noncommercial speech signs express noncommercial messages such as public/ community events, religious, political, ideological, or other philosophical messages. Noncommercial speech signs do not promote a commercial business, project or service. The content of such signs is not regulated but the sign is subject to 18.43.060, any placement standards for the sign type in Section 18.43.080, and the requirements below. Allowed sign types include Freestanding, Yard/Lawn, and Window signs, subject to the following standards:

On Private Property:

- The sign area of noncommercial speech signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.
- Maximum height from grade to top of sign is four (4) feet.
- Minimum setback from property lines: Five (5) feet.
- Number: Limit of one per street frontage.

When In the Public Right of Way:

- Size/Area: Sign surface area shall be no larger than six square feet;
- Height: Sign height, when posted, shall be no more than four (4) feet above grade (height of thirty inches (30”) or less is required in clear sight triangle, see Chapter 4, EDDS);
- Number: No more than three (3) temporary signs are allowed per street frontage adjacent to any one parcel, including all other temporary signage that may be allowed under this chapter.
- Sign must be placed entirely outside of the roadway and meet the clear sight triangle requirements for driveway and street intersections contained in Chapter 4 of the Engineering Design and Development Standards (see 4B.150, EDDS). Where no curb exists, the sign must be placed outside the roadway at least ten feet from the edge of the roadway;
- Sign must not obstruct pedestrian or accessible routes to or along the sidewalk or encroach into the minimum clear pathway area of 48 inches in width; and
- Sign must remain portable and may not be attached or anchored in any way to trees or to public property including, but not limited to, utility or light poles, parking meters, or pavement.
- Only Yard/Lawn signs are allowed when placed in the public right of way.

