

## 5:506. Political signs.

- (1) A sign whose message relates to a candidate for political office, or to a political party, or to a political issue or an ideological opinion, is permitted, subject to the following conditions.
  - (a) Each sign shall have a maximum height of 48 inches and a maximum width of 36 inches, including the support structure and all riders, and shall have the bottom of the sign a minimum of 6 inches from the ground.
  - (b) Such signs shall be set back at least 15 feet from the street and at least 5 feet from the inside edge of the sidewalk, or in accordance with Table [5:505](#) where conditions do not permit such placement. Provided, that if a legally existing obstruction on the property prevents the sign from being seen from the street when the sign is placed in accordance with the foregoing placement requirements, then the sign may be affixed to or placed immediately in front of such obstruction, so long as the display face of the sign is parallel to the right-of-way line, and so long as the sign is not placed within the public right-of-way. Permission to locate such signs on private property shall be obtained from the owner or occupant of the property on which such signs are located.
  - (c) A sign which advocates or opposes a candidate for public office or a position on an issue to be determined at an election shall be removed not more than 18 hours after the election.
  - (d) Other political signs shall not be subject to any specified time limit but must be removed if they become dangerous or otherwise are prohibited by section 5:508.
- (2) The following provisions apply on election days, only, to signs that directly or indirectly make reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question and that are erected on property on which a public polling place is located. Such signs are not subject to the placement requirements of subsection (1), but no such sign:
  - (a) Shall be erected within 100 feet of any entrance to a building in which a polling place is located;
  - (b) Shall be erected in the public right-of-way, except that such a sign that complies with all other provisions of this subsection (2) may be erected in that portion of a public right-of-way not meant for pedestrian or vehicular traffic, which is contiguous with and on the same side of the street as the property on which the polling place is located. Permission from the owner of the property on which the polling place is located shall not be required to erect such a sign in the limited portion of the public right-of-way that this ordinance permits;
  - (c) Shall be erected such that it hinders or obstructs the free and safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles in the public right-of-way;
  - (d) Shall be erected more than 18 hours before the polls open; and,
  - (e) Shall remain on the property on which the polling place is located or in the public right-of-way more than 18 hours after the polls close.

*(Ord. No. 32-94, § 2, 4-4-94; Ord. No. 10-01, § 4, 3-19-01; Ord. No. 34-06, § 1, 7-3-06)*