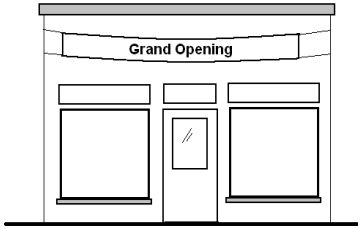
How long can a temporary sign be posted?

- Banner: four banners per year, fifteen days per banner followed by a minimum of fifteen days downtime
- Directional Banner: per Director on a case by case basis and not to exceed substantial completion of the construction activity as determined by the City.
- Business Sign affected by construction: not to exceed substantial completion of the construction activity as determined by the City.



The purpose of this brochure is to provide a brief overview of the regulations that apply in Lee's Summit. The relevant code requirements are summarized. Further information can be obtained by calling the Planning and Development Department.

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Is a permit required for a temporary sign?

Yes. A business or organization can apply at City Hall for a temporary sign permit prior to installing the sign. Before a temporary sign can be installed for a group of business affected by street construction, a sign package application shall be approved by the Planning Commission. A permit is not needed for signs such as garage sale signs, construction project signs, real estate signs, and political signs.

What is a temporary sign?

A temporary sign is a sign typically made of lightweight or flimsy material that can be easily or quickly mounted or removed. Temporary signs include, but are not limited to:

- Banners
- Directional banners during road construction
- Business signs identifying a group of businesses affected by major street construction.

Why regulate temporary signs?

The City of Lee's Summit limits the use of temporary signs within the City limits, as temporary signs can easily undermine an otherwise attractive place and make it appear cluttered and unkempt. The design or location of temporary signs can often be distracting to drivers or block sight lines at intersections, thus reducing traffic safety.

How many temporary signs can be posted?

Only one banner per business or lot is permitted. Directional banners during major road construction are permitted one per street frontage.

How large can a temporary sign be?

Banners and directional banners can be a maximum of 40 square feet.

Where can a temporary sign be placed?

A temporary sign can be either a freestanding sign or mounted to the building. Any freestanding sign shall be set back 10 feet from any property line. All signs must be located on private property where the business is located. Such signs cannot be posted on public property (right,-of-way, utility poles, public buildings, etc.) or on fences, fence posts, or trees. In addition to these regulations, banners may not extend above the roof line.

Since public safety is the City's primary concern, signs cannot block the line of sight at intersections. No sign over 2 feet high can be placed in the sight distance triangles, as described below:

- At the intersection of a driveway and a street, or at the intersection of 2 streets, measure back 25 feet in each direction from the curb or edge of paving.

- At the intersection of a sidewalk and a driveway, or the intersection of 2 driveways, measure back 20 feet from the edge of the pavement.

If you have any questions about specific location please call the Planning and Development Department at (816)969-1600.

What types of signs are prohibited?

The following types of signs are prohibited and will be removed by the City:

- Any signs attached to a tree, fence, utility pole or located within the public right-of-way.
- Pennants or streamers,
- Portable signs,
- Sound or smoke emitting signs,
- Moving/flashing or animated signs,
- Inflatable signs,
- Home occupation signs,
- Signs on the exterior of windows,
- Off-premise advertising signs,
- Any wood signs.