

Political Signs

How many political signs can be posted?

Only 1 sign per candidate or issue is allowed on an individual lot.

How large can a political sign be?

In a single-family district or two-family residential district (R-1, RP-1, and R-2), the sign face can be no larger than 6 square feet (2 by 3 feet) with a maximum height of 5 feet.

In a multi-family district (RP-3 and RP-4), office, commercial, industrial or other non-residential district, the sign face can be no larger than 32 square feet (4 by 8 feet). The maximum height permitted is 8 feet.

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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What is a Political sign?

Any sign advertising a candidate for political office, a political party or ballot measure or item scheduled for an election.

Why regulate political signs?

The City of Lee's Summit limits the use of political signs within the City limits, as political signs can easily undermine an otherwise attractive place and make it appear cluttered and unkempt. The design or location of political signs can often be distracting to drivers or block sight lines at intersections, thus reducing traffic safety. Political sign regulations are intended to create a reasonable balance between communicating for election purposes, reducing sign clutter, and keeping our streets safe.

Are permits required for political signs?

No. Political signs are exempt from permits and permit fees.

Where can political signs be posted?

All signs must be posted on privately owned property, with the permission of the property owner. Signs cannot be posted on public property (right-of-way, utility poles, public buildings, etc.). They cannot be placed on fences, fence posts, trees, or sides of buildings. Signs must be placed 10 feet from the edge of any street pavement.

Since public safety is a concern, signs cannot block the line of sight at intersections. No sign over 2 feet high can be placed in the sight 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.

When can political signs be posted?

Signs may be displayed beginning on the last day of qualification of candidates or certification of a ballot question. They must be removed within 10 days after the election.

