



City of Miramar Political Sign Regulations and Enforcement

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The following summarizes certain of the City of Miramar's Sign Code regulations relating to political signs. All interested parties should review the Land Development Code, Chapter 10, for additional relevant information.

- Under no circumstances may a political sign be placed on any public property or rights-of-way (state, county, or city). This includes center roadway medians and the grass shoulders of the roadways up to and including the sidewalks. (Sec 1009 v.)
- Candidates should only post signs on private property with the permission of the property owner (permission may be verbal).
- The placement of political signs shall not obstruct or interfere, either physically or visually, with traffic signals or signs, or with vehicular or pedestrian ingress or egress to or from any public or private right-of-way, roadway, driveway or sidewalk. Clear sight visibility for traffic must be maintained. (Sec 1005.2)
- Political signs must not be placed earlier than 90 days prior to the election to which the sign relates or the date of candidate qualification, if applicable, and must be removed no later than 7 days after the election. (Sec 1010 h. D.)
- Certain snipe signs (only small paper and/or plastic signs attached to stakes) are permitted for use as political signs during an election, but must comply with these regulations. Signs that are tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise fastened or attached directly to trees, utility poles, or any public fences, etc. are prohibited.
- No earlier than five (5) days prior to commencement of voting, including any early voting period, political signs may be placed upon parcels which include a polling place or early voting site provided that such signs shall be no closer than 100 feet from the public entrance to the polling place or early voting site. (Sec 1010 h. E. 1.)
- Each single family residential property owner shall be permitted up to 48 square feet per lot in one or more signs (but cumulatively not exceeding 48 square feet).

- Each multifamily property owner shall be permitted up to 48 square feet of signage per street frontage, in one or more signs (but cumulatively not exceeding 48 square feet).
- Each non-residential property owner shall be permitted up to 48 square feet of signage per street frontage, in one or more signs (but cumulatively not exceeding 48 square feet).
- When a sign has two faces, the area of all sides shall be included in determining the area, unless they are placed back to back. If back to back, then the sign area shall be taken as the area of either side, and if the sides are of unequal area, the larger shall determine the area. (Sec 1006.1 c.)
- Political signs may not be placed on any utility pole. (Sec 1009 v.)

Vacant rural properties zoned Rural (RL) (having no residential development), and upon which no residential construction has occurred, shall be considered non-residential and shall be permitted up to 48 square feet of signage per street frontage, in one or more signs (but cumulatively not exceeding 48 square feet).

- Other vacant/abandoned properties shall be regulated by their zoning/prior use. Permission from the property owner is *required* (can be verbal), prior to placing signage on vacant property.

Our Code Compliance Division shall enforce the sign Ordinance during campaign periods. All signs that are in the public right-of-way will be removed by a Code Compliance Officer and may be retrieved by calling 954-602-3174. Following issuance of a written warning to the candidate, standard code enforcement procedures may be followed to cite the candidate whose signs are placed on public property, who would be subject to imposition of fines by the Special Magistrate.

The City may cite a private property owner on whose property excessive signage (anything over 48 square feet individually or cumulatively) remains after a written warning following standard code enforcement procedures, subject to imposition of fines by the Special Magistrate

The City of Miramar will cooperate with all candidates to ensure that they are treated fairly and uniformly. If you have any questions, you may contact the City Clerk at 954-602-3014.