



MEMORANDUM

FROM: Kelly Michaels, MMC
DEPT: City Clerk
TO: All Candidates for City Council
DATE: August 10, 2023
RE: Regulation of Political and Campaign Signs (Advertisements)

City of Venice, Land Development Regulations address the use of Temporary Signs under [Chapter 87, Section 3 – Development Standards, 3.5 Signs](#)

Please review the full content of the City's Sign Code paying close attention to Subsection 3.5.1 Prohibitions and Subsection 3.5.3. Temporary Signs. The information below contains answers to the most commonly asked questions applicable to campaigns and political advertisements.

A. Types of Temporary Signs.

1. **Residential Yard Signs.** Up to two (2) temporary yard signs may be permitted in residential yards, with neither to exceed three (3) square feet in area per sign.
2. **Non-residential Signs.** Limited to one (1) temporary sign per business of one (1) square foot per linear foot of building or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less.

B. General Standards for Temporary Signs.

All temporary signs shall meet the following criteria:

1. Does not interfere with visibility or impede the safety of pedestrians or motorists.
2. Shall be set back a minimum of two (2) feet from the edge of pavement of a street.
3. Not illuminated.
4. Displayed a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive days, after which the sign shall be removed.

3.5.1 B. Specifically Prohibited.

the following signs are specifically prohibited:

9. Signs erected on public property other than signs erected by the municipal, county, state or federal government for public purposes, unless otherwise authorized by this section;

Complaints regarding signage placed in conflict with the City's sign code will be investigated by Code Enforcement Officers. For violations, the following process will be followed:

Temporary signs in violation will be removed from the Right-of-Way immediately, saved for 24 hours, then discarded. If the sign is on private property, the owner will be given a reasonable time to have the sign brought into compliance with the code or be issued a Class I citation. If someone refuses or fails to obtain compliance, the case will be heard by the Special Magistrate.