



THE CITY OF STARKVILLE

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POLITICAL SIGN INFORMATION SHEET

The information listed below is from the City's Sign Ordinance Number 2008-10, regarding the size and placement of political campaign signs. Political signs are exempt from all permitting requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Code Enforcement Inspector Jeff Lyles at (662) 323-2525, extension 137.

Section 8. Political Signs.

Political Sign means any sign of temporary construction, which supports any political candidate or issue. These signs are permitted in all zoning districts and shall conform to the following:

- A. Political signs shall not be placed within any public right-of-way.
- B. Political signs shall not be placed upon governmental buildings or adjacent lawns, or upon public utility poles or traffic control signage posts.
- C. Political signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner.
- D. Political signs shall not be placed within the sight-distance triangle of any intersection.
- E. Political signs placed on tracts of land less than three (3) acres in size shall not exceed six (6) square feet in size.
- F. Smaller political signs (6 square feet or less in size) placed on private property along roadways shall be placed at least ten (10) feet from the edge of the paved road or right-of-way line, whichever is greater.
- G. Political signs placed on tracts of land larger than three (3) acres in size and/or along state or federally-designated roadways shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in size.
- H. Larger political signs (up to 16 square feet in size) placed on private property along roadways shall be placed at least twenty (20) feet from the edge of the paved road or right-of-way line, whichever is greater.
- I. All political signs for the same candidate or issue shall maintain at least a one-hundred (100) foot separation between political signs per parcel of land on which they are placed.
- J. Political signs shall not be erected or placed more than ninety (90) days in advance of the election to which they pertain.
- K. All political signs shall be removed within three (3) days following the election to which they pertain.
- L. If a political sign is not removed or is placed improperly, the City is authorized to remove the sign, even if it is placed on private property.
- M. If any sign fails to comply with this ordinance, the candidate or issue sponsor being advertised shall be responsible for any enforcement penalties and costs.

Section 17. Enforcement.

- A. The City of Starkville City Planner and Code Enforcement Inspector shall be directed to enforce all of the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. Any signs not complying with this section shall be collected by the Code Enforcement Inspector and stored at City Hall for a period not to exceed ten (10) days, at which time the signs shall be disposed of.
- C. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined and also pay any administrative costs for each offense and each day such violation continues, shall constitute a separate offense. These fines and costs shall be determined by Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- D. The Administrative Adjudication Process shall be the preferred method of prosecuting violations of this ordinance for the City of Starkville.

Fine Amounts for Violations of Sign Ordinance					
Violation Type	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense	4 th Offense	5 th and All Additional Offenses
Signage	Warning	\$15	\$35	\$65	\$100