



POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS

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Congratulations on filing for City office! Please take some time to review our political campaign sign and enforcement policy and procedures.

Once you have filed for city office, please review the *Campaign Filing Packet*. You will find valuable information including a city street map showing the boundaries for council wards and voting precincts. This map will be helpful when placing your signs throughout the city.

All candidates will be required to provide the City Clerk's office, in addition to your own personal information, the names of two persons responsible for receiving information on the candidate's behalf. If a political sign is placed in violation of the city code, someone must be notified on the candidate's behalf if the candidate themselves cannot be reached, to rectify the sign violation.

When a complaint is received and the sign is found to be in violation the following procedure will apply:

1. The City Clerk's office will contact the candidate or responsible party and notify them of the violation.
2. The candidate or responsible party will have 48 hours to remove the sign or remedy the violation except for during the following:
 - All signs found in violation 48 hours before the primary or general election will be removed by city staff as there will not be enough time to notify the candidate before Election Day.
 - Any sign placed on public property is subject to immediate removal by city staff.
 - Any sign deemed a safety hazard is subject to immediate removal by city staff.

If a sign has to be removed by city staff, it is subject to being disposed of and will not be held by the city.

Action is generally taken on a complaint basis or on a drive-by basis. The city does not go out and look for violations but if it is clearly noncompliant, they do contact the City Clerk's office to follow-up on the violation.

Key Dates for 2020	
Date signs can be placed	June 26, 2020
Date signs must be removed	November 13, 2020

*Unsuccessful candidates are encouraged to remove their signs 10 days after the Primary Election (August 21).



Sec. 26-3. - Political campaign signs.

Political campaign signs designating candidates seeking public political office and other data pertinent thereto shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) Signs shall be permitted only on private property provided that the property owner's permission has been obtained by the candidate. Signs are prohibited on public property.
- (2) At a corner of an intersection, signs are prohibited within a triangle formed by measuring 30 feet along the curbs from the point where the curbs intersect and drawing an imaginary line from curb to curb to define the triangle.
- (3) Along the street edge, away from an intersection, signs shall be placed not less than ten feet from the nearest edge of the pavement.
- (4) Where a sidewalk is installed parallel to a public street, 12 inches from the sidewalk edge farthest from the street shall be the minimum setback from the street for sign placement.
- (5) All signs are presumed to be the property and responsibility of the candidate. Each candidate shall provide to the city clerk the names and means of contacting two persons that may receive notices of violation on the candidate's behalf.
- (6) Any candidate who fails to remove a sign placed in violation of this subsection within 48 hours after receiving notice from the city shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalty contained in section 1-7 of this Code.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall preclude the immediate removal of signs deemed by the city manager to be a safety hazard.**

Signs placed in violation of this section are also subject to immediate removal by the city.

(Code 1980, § 2-10; Ord. No. 97-1657, 5-1-1997; Ord. No. 01-1906, 6-21-2001)

State Law reference— Display of noncommercial signs in a state general election year, Minn. Stat. § 211B.045.



City of Blaine Campaign Sign Rules

