DIVISION 3. TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY*

*Editor's note: Section 1 of Ord. No. 82-56, enacted Sept. 21, 1982, amended Ord. No. 81-75, codified herein as Div. 2, §§ 20-36--20-39.4, by adding thereto a new § 8. For classification purposes, the substantive provisions of §§ 1 and 2 of Ord. No. 82-56 are codified herein as Div. 3, §§ 20-39.11--20-39.15, at the discretion of the editor.

Sec. 20-39.11. Definitions.

[For the purposes of this division, the following words and terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed:]

Temporary is defined as a period 60 days prior to the election through ten days after the election.

Temporary political sign is defined as any sign supported by the ground, either attached to the ground or a portable sign not attached to the ground, that is in support for a candidate for elected public office or is in support of or in opposition to any proposition that is on the election ballot of an election duly called pursuant to the Texas Election Code.

(Ord. No. 82-56, § 1(A), (B), 9-21-82)

Sec. 20-39.12. Placement; authority of chief building official; appeals from notice to remove.

Temporary political signs, irrespective of the provisions of any other ordinance or ordinances of the city, **may be placed on private property provided the chief building official of the city does not conclude that the placement of same constitutes a traffic hazard** or endangers the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the city. The chief building official is granted the authority to require any such sign to be removed. The owner may appeal any request by the chief building official to remove to the city council by submitting a written appeal to the city manager within two days of receipt of written notice to remove. During pendency of the appeal the sign may remain. The city council's decision shall be final.

(Ord. No. 82-56, § 1(C), 9-21-82)

Sec. 20-39.13. Removal period; procedure in event of nonremoval.

All temporary political signs shall be removed within a period not to exceed ten days after the election for which the sign was placed. Failure to remove said sign within the stated period shall give the chief building official the authority to remove said sign and to affix a lien against the property for the reasonable cost of removal. In order to affix a lien against the property, the chief building official shall follow the provisions of section 12-41 of the city Code.

(Ord. No. 82-56, § 1(D), 9-21-82)

Sec. 20-39.14. Exceptions.

The provisions of this division shall not be applicable to signs constructed in accordance with a permit issued by the chief building official in accordance with other relevant city ordinances dealing with signs.

(Ord. No. 82-56, § 1(E), 9-21-82)

Sec. 20-39.15. Reserved.

Editor's note–Ord. 2011-34, § 4, adopted Aug. 2, 2011, repealed former §20-39.15, in its entirety which pertained to a penalty for violations of this division and derived from Ord. 82-56, § 2, 9-21.82.