

GRAPEVINE CITY CODE

Chapter 20 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Ways

Sec. 20-13.1 Signs on public property and rights-of-way.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to erect any type of sign; excluding authorized construction signs, or city, county, state and federal traffic-control signs; within the public right-of-way.
- (b) It shall be **unlawful** for any person **to erect** any type of **sign on any public utility pole** situated within the public right-of-way, except signs placed on said poles by the owners of same.
- (c) Temporary signs may be placed in the public right-of-way if they fall within the following categories and comply with the stated requirements:
 - (1) **Temporary political signs in public rights-of-way.** Political signs of a temporary nature of **not more than four square feet in area**, that are **attached to a stake not to exceed a 9 gauge diameter** (American Wire Gauge Standard "AWG") driven into the ground well clear of tree roots, irrigation lines and any other underground vegetation or structure, may be placed in public rights-of-way in that portion of the City of Grapevine represented by a candidate or ballot measure for which a resident of Grapevine may vote. **Said signs may be placed in said rights-of-way beginning on the first day of the early voting period**, for which they are posted and **shall be removed within three days after the election.** Temporary **political signs placed** in the right-of-way **shall be subject to the following conditions:**
 - a. **Historic Districts.** **No temporary political signs** shall be placed within the right-of-way within any designated Historic District.
 - b. **Public property.** **No temporary political sign** shall be placed within right-of-way adjacent to public property, including but not limited to city parks, city facilities, school district property, or state or federally owned property.

Exception: Temporary political **signs not to exceed four square feet**, that are **attached to a stake not to exceed a 9 gauge diameter** (American Wire Gauge Standard "AWG") driven into the ground well clear of tree roots, irrigation lines and any other underground vegetation or structure, may be **placed on public rights-of-way adjacent to the property of the polling location** in accordance with Texas Election

Code Section 61.003 or 85.036. Said signs may be placed **beginning on the first day of each voting period and shall be removed within three (3) days after the election.**

- c. **Private property.** Temporary political **signs shall not be placed in the right-of-way** adjacent to the front yard of a lot, nor adjacent to the side yard of a corner lot, nor adjacent to the rear yard of a developed property which abuts a street if the owner, tenant, or lessee objects to the placement of the sign.
- d. **Violations.** Signs placed in violation of this ordinance are subject to removal by city officials or contractors and shall be discarded without notification.

- (2) **Temporary political signs on public property.** It shall be **unlawful to place temporary political signs on publicly owned property** including but not limited to city parks, city facilities, school district property, or state or federally owned property.

Exception: Twenty-five temporary political signs per candidate or ballot measure not to exceed **four square feet in area (2'x2')**, that are **attached to** a stake not to exceed a **9 gauge diameter** (American Wire Gauge Standard "AWG") driven into the ground well clear of tree roots, irrigation lines and any other underground vegetation or structure, **may be placed in the perimeter landscaping** directly associated to the **property of the polling location** in accordance with Texas Election Code Section 61.003 or 85.036. Said **signs may be placed on the property of the polling location beginning on the first day of the early voting period**, and shall be **removed within three days after the election.**

- (3) Weekend advertising signs directing prospective purchasers of new residential developments may be placed in public rights-of-way only under the following conditions:
 - a. Registration required. No person shall place weekend advertising signs in the right-of-way without annually registering with the community development department for each advertiser.
 - b. Registration fee. The annual registration fee shall be \$50.00.
 - c. Placement.

1. The edge of the sign shall be no closer than three feet from the street curb or edge of pavement.
 2. Signs of any one advertiser must be at least 1,000 feet apart. Sign spacing at intersections designating a change of direction may be reduced to a minimum of 400 feet. These distances are measured along the same street and on either side of the same street.
 3. No sign shall be placed closer than 25 feet from an intersection nor obstruct vision of traffic.
 4. No sign shall be placed along South Main Street from its intersection with Franklin Street to its intersection with Wall Street.
 5. Weekend advertising signs shall not be placed in the right-of-way of the front yard nor on the side yard of a corner lot adjacent to a street, nor rear yard which abuts a street of developed property if the owner, tenant or lessee objects to the placement of the sign.
- d. Size limitation. Signs shall not exceed five square feet in size and shall be installed no more than 40 inches above grade.
 - e. Time schedule. Signs shall only be allowed between the hours of 12:00 noon Friday until 12:00 noon Monday, except that if a legal holiday falls on a Friday, signs will be permitted commencing 12:00 noon Thursday, and if a legal holiday falls on a Monday, signs will be permitted until 12:00 noon Tuesday.
 - f. Lighting restrictions. No sign shall be lighted.
 - g. Maintenance. Any sign that is dented, faded or unclean shall be replaced.
 - h. Placement and removal of signs. Signs shall only be placed in the right-of-way or removed from the right-of-way between the hours of one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset. No signs shall be placed in the right-of-way on Friday between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 - i. Permission may be granted by the director of community development to allow a maximum of three signs to an advertiser that would exceed the minimum requirements of

subsection (c)(3)c.2. of this section.

- (4) **Fines for noncompliance.** Violators of any provision of this subsection 20-13.1(c) shall be subject to the fines set forth in this Code and, in addition, signs in violation of subsection 20-13.1(c) may be removed by any agent or employee of the city and destroyed without liability to the city or to its agents or employees.
- (5) It shall be unlawful to place or leave temporary signs listed in subsections (1) through (3) above in the public right-of-way at any time other than the specifically delineated period of time.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to erect any type of sign on property owned or leased by the city, county, state or federal government or any other governmental entity without the expressed consent of said governmental entity. Any such sign erected in violation of this subsection may be removed by the authorized officials for said governmental entity.

(Ord. No. 77-32, §§ 1--3, 7-19-77; Ord. No. 89-54, § 1, 8-15-89; Ord. No. 89-74, § 1, 11-21-89; Ord. No. 91-19, §§ 1--3, 3-19-91; Ord. No. 94-105, § 1, 12-6-94; Ord. No. 2000-41, § 1, 4-18-00; Ord. No. 2001-91, § 1, 12-4-01; Ord. No. 2003-03, § 1, 1-21-03; Ord. No. 2010-57 § 2, 10-19-10; Ord. No. 2011-34 § 2, 08-02-11; Ord. No. 2014-18 § 2-4, 04-15-14) Cross references: See also, § 20-30 et seq.