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General Information Regarding Signs

Ordinance 97-05 was recently passed, which provides us with new sign regulations. This is a summary of how political and residential “for sale” signs are now treated:

Political Signs

Two political signs may be placed on a property. This means one two-sided sign or two one-sided signs. These signs may be placed in a window or in a front yard. The total of all signage may not exceed six (6) square feet. When erected in front yards, signs shall:

1. Not be higher than four (4) feet above grade.
2. Be at least twenty (20) feet from the nearest curb and fifteen (15) feet from the inside edge of the sidewalk.
3. Be installed safely and securely erected so to avoid injury to persons or property.
4. Not be displayed earlier than thirty (30) days prior, nor more than ten (10) days after an election.

No permit is required for political signs, which conform to the above requirements.

Residential “For Sale” Signs

Requirements for these signs are the same as political signs except for the time constraints (4 above). Additionally, “for sale” signs shall:

- Not be displayed for more than ninety (90) days unless one 90-day extension is requested and issued by the Building Commissioner.
- Content is limited to information clearly necessary to communicate that a property is offered for sale. Information may include a broker and/or party to contact and only one phone number. No attachments to “For Sale” signs are permitted.
- Signs may have two colors, not counting the background color.
- “Open” signs, or arrows, may be displayed up to thirty (30) minutes before a scheduled open house, provided these signs are not placed in a public right-of-way.

During times the building department is closed, the police department may contact a property owner, or broker, to advise them if there is a violation. The building department, if necessary will issue the actual citation.

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