



# Development Services Department

Escambia County, Florida

## Political / Campaign Sign Requirements



A political sign is a temporary sign announcing or supporting political candidates or issues in connection with any national, state, or local election.

Political signs subject to the restrictions of section 5-8.5. are considered exempt from the permitting requirements. However, exempt signs shall be safely constructed, situated and maintained in such manner as to not create a hazard or nuisance to the public.

***Any temporary sign must be maintained off the right-of-way at all times.***

Sec. 5-8.5 *Political signs.* Temporary political campaign signs are allowed without permit in all zoning districts subject to the following restrictions:

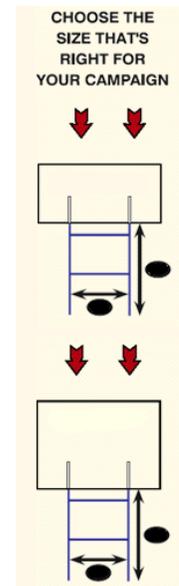
A. The following dimensional standards shall be:

Residential districts, maximum size per sign . . . .12 sq. ft.

All other districts, signage per zone lot . . . . . 32 sq. ft.

B. Each candidate for political office shall remove, or be responsible for the removal of all of his/her political campaign advertisements within 30 calendar days after:

1. Withdrawal of candidacy;
2. Having been eliminated as a candidate; or
3. Being elected to office.



However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements that are in the form of a billboard erected by an outdoor advertising business.

It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any sign which constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by reason of its size, location, movement, coloring or method of illumination. No sign shall obstruct vehicular vision between 3 feet and 9 ½ feet measured vertically from the street level at the base of the sign. Any sign which obstructs the vision between pedestrians and vehicles using the public right-of-way including, but not restricted to, those not meeting visibility standards in this Code is prohibited. Prohibited signs include, but are not limited to, privately placed signs in public rights-of-way, signs attached in any way upon telephone poles, utility poles, fences (except as allowed in section 5-8.4), bridges, sidewalks, trees or other natural objects and projecting signs that project into the public right-of-way or the site triangle of motorists or do not maintain a minimum clear height of 9 1/2 feet above ground. (LDC 5-8.4).