

City of Midlothian Zoning Ordinance

4.5810 Political Signs:

- a) Political signs may be placed in all zoning districts located within the City of Midlothian. The City shall NOT require a sign permit for any political sign that meets all of the following criteria:
- 1) 8 feet in height or less, measured from the top of the sign to the ground
 - 2) 36 square feet in area or less
 - 3) is not illuminated internally or externally
 - 4) does not have any moving elements
- b) Any political sign failing to match any of the above criteria may apply for a Temporary Sign Permit and meet other requirements listed within *Section 4.5822* and the zoning district in which said political sign is located.
- c) No sign shall be erected on private property without the expressed written or verbal permission of the owner of the property.
- d) No political signs shall be located inside a public street or right-of-way.
- e) Political signs may be placed on City-owned or any public property designated as a polling place only if it meets the requirements below:
- 1) Political signs shall only be placed within a designated area as determined in advance by the manager of the designated property/facility (e.g., Conference Center Manager, etc.; see Illustration No. 1 below for designated area).
 - 2) Political signs placed within this designated area shall be limited to a maximum 2 per candidate or Political Action Committee (PAC) official statement regarding a referendum and have a maximum size of 2 feet by 2 feet.
 - 3) Political signs shall only be placed 1 week prior to the start of the early voting period and be picked up no later than 5 days after the election day.
 - 4) Overnight parking of vehicles on City-owned property designated as a polling place shall be prohibited and is subject to towing at the vehicle owner's expense.
 - 5) Electioneering on property designated as a polling place shall only be allowed within a designated area as determined by the manager of the designated property/facility (see Illustration No. 1 for designated area).



- i) Electioneering shall be defined as approved by House Bill 259 as approved by the 83rd Texas State Legislature.
 - ii) This section satisfies the reasonable, time, place, manner requirements established by House Bill 259.
 - iii) Individuals participating in electioneering shall not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic or impede the normal day-to-day operations of the place designated as a polling place.
- f) All signs placed outside the designated area, designated time, having more than the maximum allowable, electioneering done outside of the designated area or combination thereof found to be in violation of this section is subject to immediate removal by the Code Enforcement Department or designated representative without notice.
- 1) Repeated violations will result in being subject to fines as stated in Section 1.50 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Illustration No. 1

