

ATTACHMENT F - POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs are considered a Non-Commercial sign (PMC 17.98 Definitions) and are exempt from sign permits and City review (17.52.040. EXEMPT SIGNS). Code excerpts are listed below regarding size and location on private property.

Political may be erected when a candidate or PAC has filed the required forms to establish a committee with the SOS or Nomination Forms to run for office. Signs shall be removed within 5 days following the election. (Approved by Council minute order)

Signage on any public property or in any right-of-way is prohibited. (PMC 17.54.030)

NONCOMMERCIAL SIGN. A sign that displays noncommercial speech, e.g., commentary or advocacy on topics of public debate and concern.

17.52.040. EXEMPT SIGNS.

A. The city has a compelling interest in allowing signs in order to comply with state and local laws, promote public safety, protect life and private property, promote the identification of property, guide emergency response personnel, and permit minor changes to make sign maintenance a less onerous burden on property owners; therefore, the following sign types are expressly exempted from the entitlement requirements of this chapter and Zoning Code but still must satisfy any and all other applicable city permit requirements when necessary (e.g., building, electrical, plumbing, grading, encroachment).

B. To qualify for any of the exemptions listed below, strict compliance with the exemption as established in this section is required.

2. Exempt Signs with Limitations. The following signs are exempt from sign permits and city review requirements but must comply with all other requirements of this chapter (unless specifically noted otherwise) and the requirements as listed below:

f. Noncommercial signs consistent with the following requirements:

i. Noncommercial signs on all private property except residential property, not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area and not exceeding ten (10) feet in height from finish grade.

ii. Noncommercial signs on residential property, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area, provided that they are set back at least five (5) feet from the public right-of-way and do not project over the roofline of any structure.

iii. Noncommercial signs on (MULTI-FAMILY) residential property, limited to one (1) for each dwelling unit or rentable room on the property, that are no more than one-half (1/2) square foot in area and which are attached to and parallel with the building. The maximum sign area for such signage shall be twelve (12) square feet.

iii. Noncommercial signs on (MULTI-FAMILY) residential property, limited to one (1) for each dwelling unit or rentable room on the property, that are no more than one-half (1/2) square foot in area and which are attached to and parallel with the building. The maximum sign area for such signage shall be twelve (12) square feet.