

# **Board of County Commissioners**

# DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

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July 27, 2023

Dear Candidate,

Political signs are not required to obtain a building permit. However, Section 9210L of the Land Development Code addresses the number of signs, size, location, removal, etc. Attached is Section 9210 L for your review.

Please ensure that any political signs are not placed (by you or on your behalf) in any rights-of-way. Signs in the right-of-way are subject to removal. Any signs that are removed from the County's rights-of-way will be deposited at the Citrus County Landfill and may be claimed at your convenience. Signs removed from State rights-of-way are under the authority of the FDOT and you should contact them regarding recovery of your signs.

Signs relating to individuals who are unsuccessful in the <u>primary</u> election must be removed within seven (7) days of the primary election. All other political signs must be removed within seven (7) days following the date of the general election.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call me at 352-527-5350.

Sincerely,

JC Charlton, Director Code Compliance Division

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Department of Growth Management

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Attachment: 9210L

## **Citrus County**

OA-11-07 June 12, 2012

Chapter Nine - Signs

#### 9210. EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING

- L. One sign announcing the candidacy of any person or persons for elected public office is subject to the following standards:
  - 1. The total area of any such sign located in a residential district shall not exceed eight square feet in area and shall be located at least five feet from all property lines.
  - 2. The total area of any such sign located in all other districts shall not exceed 32 square feet and shall be located at least five feet from all property lines.
  - 3. Signs relating to individuals who are unsuccessful in any election shall be removed within seven days of their last election date.
  - 4. All other political signs shall be removed within seven days following the date of the general (or last) election.

#### 9220. PROHIBITED SIGNS

The following signs are prohibited unless authorized by variance pursuant to the standards of this LDC.

- A. Obsolete or abandoned signs.
- B. Signs or sign structures that interfere in any way with free use of any fire escape, emergency exit, standpipe, or which obstruct any window to such an extent that light or ventilation is reduced to a point below that required by any provision of this LDC or other ordinance of the County.
- C. Signs which resemble any official sign or marker erected by any government agency or which by reason of position, shape, or color would conflict with the proper functioning of any traffic sign or signal, or be of a size, location, movement, content, color, or illumination which may be reasonably confused with or construed as or conceal a traffic control device.
- D. Signs which obstruct the vision of pedestrians, cyclists, or motorists.
- E. Signs that are of such intensity or brilliance so as to cause glare or impair the vision of any motorist, cyclist, or pedestrian or which are a hazard or a nuisance to occupants of any property because of glare or other characteristics. Foot candle power of lighting related to such signage shall not exceed three-foot candle power from source to point of reception by motorists, etc.

## **Citrus County Continued**

- F. Illuminated signs in any residential area except residential name plates and street address signs that are illuminated by soft and muted light.
- G. Signs made of any material whatsoever and attached in any way to a utility pole, tree, fence post, stake, stick, or any other similar object located or situated on public or private property except as otherwise expressly allowed by, or exempted from, this section.
- H. Signs on public property, including rights-of-way, other than signs erected by a public authority for public purposes.
- I. Signs on any vehicle with a total sign area in excess of 10 square feet when the vehicle is:
  - 1. Parked for more than 60 consecutive minutes within 25 feet of any street right-of-way;
  - 2. Within 25 feet of and visible from a street right-of-way; and
  - 3. Not used in the conduct of the business advertised on the vehicle.
- J. Signs, commonly referred to as wind signs, consisting of one or more pennants, ribbons, spinners, streamers, captive balloons, or other objects or material fastened in such a manner as to move upon being subjected to pressure by wind.
- K. Signs which are painted, pasted, or printed on any curbstone, flagstone, pavement, or any portion of any sidewalk or street except house numbers and traffic control signs.

Website: www.citrusbocc.com

Departments: Growth Management - Land Development Division - Land Development Code - Chapter 9 Signs

Chapter Nine Signs (revize.com)

## **City of Inverness**

#### G. Political Signs.

- 1. No political signs shall be erected on or over any public right-of-way, attached to any tree or utility pole nor shall any political sign be placed on any property without written consent of the owner of said property.
- 2. Any person or any entity wishing to place political signs within the city shall register with the Department of Development Services prior to installing the signs. The registration shall constitute a permit allowing such political signs, provided however, that permitee complies with the following requirements:
  - a. That permitee removes all signs no later than seven (7) days after the election or referendum.
  - b. That permitee acknowledges that any of permittee's signs placed on city property or within city right-of-ways may be removed and discarded by the city without notice to permitee.
  - c. That all political signs shall be set back two (2) feet from any public right-of-ways.
  - d. A political sign shall not exceed nine (9) square feet in a residential district or thirty-two (32) square feet in a non-residential district and shall have a maximum height of five (5) feet in residential districts and ten (10) feet in non-residential districts.
  - e. Number of Signs. Only one (1) political sign will be permitted per lot by the same candidate. For the purpose of determining the number of signs, a sign shall be construed to be a single display surface, effect or device containing elements organized, related and composed to form a single sign unit. Where a sign has two faces placed back to back and at no point more than two (2) feet from one another, it shall be counted as one sign.

(Ord. No. 2002-612, § 1, 11-5-02)

Website: <a href="http://www.inverness-fl.gov/80/Charter-Codes-Comp-Plan">http://www.inverness-fl.gov/80/Charter-Codes-Comp-Plan</a>

Land Development Code - Chapter 2.10 - G. Political Signs

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# CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE

Crystal River, Florida - Code of Ordinances, APPENDIX A - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 12. - SIGNS, 12.00.05.e. - General Information (Temporary) Sign

I. General Information Signs	a. Residential zoning districts - 6 square feet	a. 1 per candidate	a. Can be placed seven (7) days prior to an event (Qualifying Week).
	b. Commercial and Industrial - 20 square feet		b. Must be removed within five (5) days following the event (election).
			c. Cannot be placed in public rights- of-way.





## ATTENTION CANDIDATES

Please inform your workers, volunteers, staff and anyone helping with your campaign, that during Early Voting and on Election Day at the polling precincts, campaign signs are <u>NOT</u> allowed to be placed in the ground 150 feet from the polling entrance. Your workers may hold the political signs. Please have your workers pick up all election materials at the end of the day. Signs left overnight may be removed by the property owner.

Please be aware that per FS 102.031(3)(a) "No person may enter any polling room or polling place where the polling place is also a polling room, or any early voting area during voting hours except for official poll watchers, inspectors, Election clerks, SOE or deputy, persons there to vote, persons in care of the voter, or persons caring for such voter." If you or your campaign staff would like to have voter turnout numbers during early vote or on Election Day, visit our website, <a href="www.votecitrus.gov">www.votecitrus.gov</a>. On our home page, select "Live Turnout View" to see current turnout numbers.

# 106.1435 Usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.—

- (1) Each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political campaign advertisements within 30 days after:
- (a) Withdrawal of his or her candidacy;
- (b) Having been eliminated as a candidate; or
- (c) Being elected to office.

However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements which are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons.

- (2) If political campaign advertisements are not removed within the specified period, the political subdivision or governmental entity has the authority to remove such advertisements and may charge the candidate the actual cost for such removal. Funds collected for removing such advertisements shall be deposited to the general revenue of the political subdivision.
- (3) Pursuant to chapter 479, no political campaign advertisements shall be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed, or located on or above any state or county road right-of-way.
- (4) The officer before whom a candidate qualifies for office shall notify the candidate, in writing, of the provisions in this section.
- (5) This provision does not preclude municipalities from imposing additional or more stringent requirements on the usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.



RON DESANTIS GOVERNOR 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 JARED W. PERDUE, P.E. SECRETARY

November 8, 2023

#### Notice to candidates for election to offices in the State of Florida

The Department of Transportation's Office of Right of Way would like to remind you of State Law regarding political campaign signs:

- (1) Signs placed on the state rights of way Political campaign signs may not be placed in the right of way of any state or national highway [Chapter 479.11(8), Florida Statutes]. A joint effort by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Highway Patrol produced a brochure explaining that the unauthorized use of the public right of way is prohibited by Florida law. This brochure further outlines how the right of way is regulated and how to recognize the location of the right of way line. The brochure is available on our website, <a href="http://www.fdot.gov/rightofway/">http://www.fdot.gov/rightofway/</a>. Please feel free to print and copy the brochure for distribution. We recommend campaigns make this brochure required reading for volunteers who post candidate signage.
- (2) Signs placed on private property Temporary political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner. Such signs do not require a permit under state law.

Please advise your campaign workers to ensure that signs are placed on private property. Signs placed on the state rights of way must be picked up by Department staff and placed in one of the Department's maintenance yards. We will make every effort to place a courtesy call to your campaign office advising of sign removal and the location of the maintenance yard where the signs have been stored.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Department's Outdoor Advertising Office in Tallahassee at (850) 414-4569.

Sincerely

Scott Foltz, Director

Office of Right of Way

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