

Title 17 ZONING

Chapter 17.08 RESIDENTIAL ZONES

17.08.120 Temporary signs.

Temporary signs may be permitted in the residential zones subject to the following restrictions:

A. Area Permitted. Temporary signs which are posted for 90 days or less shall not exceed 16 square feet in sign area or 32 square feet in total sign area as defined in Section 17.04.240. Temporary signs which have obtained a permit pursuant to subsection G of this section and which are posted or erected for more than 90 days shall not exceed 32 square feet in sign face area or 64 square feet in total sign area.

B. Height Permitted.

1. Freestanding temporary signs shall not exceed 6 feet in height.
2. Temporary signs which are posted, attached or affixed to buildings of more than one story shall not be higher than the finished floor line of the second floor of such building.
3. Temporary signs which are posted, attached or affixed to a single-story building shall not extend above:
 - a. Eighteen inches below the top of the wall of the building.
 - b. The lowest point of a sloping roof of the building.

C. Projection Permitted. Where temporary signs are attached to a wall, such signs shall not project more than 18 inches from the building wall to which they are attached.

D. Lighting. Temporary signs shall not be lighted.

E. Placement. Temporary signs shall not be placed on public property or in any manner that would endanger the public.

F. Duration. No temporary sign shall be posted for more than 90 days without obtaining a sign permit pursuant to subsection G of this section. No sign permit for a temporary sign shall be valid for more than one year. Upon written request for an extension, the director may grant an extension for up to one additional year upon finding that the sign is otherwise in compliance with the requirements of Section 17.08.110 et seq. and that the extension is necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the sign has been posted. No additional extensions may be granted. All temporary signs shall be removed within 14 calendar days after the event. The date of the posting shall be permanently and legibly marked on the lower right-hand corner of the sign face.

G. Permit Required. Any person who proposes to post or erect a temporary sign for more than 90 days shall file an application for a sign permit with the department of community development. The applicant shall also file a statement of responsibility as required in subsection I of this section.

H. Standards for Approval.

1. Within 7 working days, the director or his designated representative shall act upon the application for a temporary sign permit.
2. The action on the application shall be based on character, location and design, including design elements such as material, letter style, colors, sign type or shape, and the provisions of Section 17.08.110 et seq.
3. If the action is to disapprove, the notice of disapproval shall specify the reasons for disapproval.

I. Statement of Responsibility. Each person desiring to post or erect a temporary sign, regardless of duration, shall submit to the department of community development a statement of responsibility in a form approved by the director with a description sufficient to identify the temporary sign, the location of the sign to be posted, and certifying a named individual who is responsible for removing each temporary sign. In the event the responsible individual fails to remove the temporary sign as required by subsection F of this section, the temporary sign shall be deemed abandoned and may be removed by the city, the cost of which removal shall be payable by the responsible individual.

J. Removal of Unauthorized, Nonmaintained or Dangerous Signs.

1. Temporary signs posted for which a statement of responsibility has not been submitted, and a required permit has not been obtained, are subject to immediate removal by the city without compensation. The city may also pursue legal action under Section 17.04.220.
2. Temporary signs which are deemed by the city to constitute a threat to the public health and safety are subject to immediate removal by the city without compensation or prior notice. (Some examples might include such signs which are not secured against the wind or were placed in a manner which would interfere with the vision of drivers or pedestrians.) The city's cost of removal shall be payable by the responsible individual.
3. Temporary signs for which a statement of responsibility has been submitted, and a required permit has been obtained, and which do not pose a threat to public health and safety but are otherwise posted in violation of Section 17.08.110 et seq. shall be subject to removal in accordance with the following procedures:
 - a. The city shall provide written notice to the responsible individual for each temporary sign established pursuant to subsection I of this section.
 - b. The sign in violation of Section 17.08.110 et seq., shall specify the nature of the violation and shall direct the responsible individual to remove or alter such temporary sign.
 - c. If the responsible individual fails to comply with the notice within 3 working days after such notice is mailed, the sign shall be deemed abandoned, and may be removed by the city.
 - d. The responsible individual shall pay the city for the cost of the sign removal.

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