

## CITY OF SEATTLE YARD SIGN REGULATIONS

In Seattle, political yard signs are governed by Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 23.55, which regulates *all* temporary signs in the City. Seattle Elections Code regulations no longer require sponsor identification on yard signs. Follow the links at [Law & Filer Info](#) on the [www.seattle.gov/elections](http://www.seattle.gov/elections) website to find information about sponsor identification requirements on other campaign advertisements in SMC 2.04.290 and SEEC Rule 9.

### YARD SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

**Regulations regarding campaign signs on private property are administered by the Seattle Department of Planning and Development, 206-684-8419.**

Yard signs may be placed on private property or on planting strips abutting private property, with the consent of the property occupant. Such signs may be in place at all times.

#### SINGLE FAMILY ZONES

In single family zones, signs may be no larger than eight (8) square feet and may not exceed eight (8) square feet total signage per single family residential lot. If the signs are 18" x 24", two signs could be placed on one residential lot, if the signs are 2' x 3', only one sign could be placed on each residential lot.

#### OTHER ZONES

In zones other than single family residential, the maximum size of signs is twenty-four (24) square feet, and the total amount of signage may not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet per lot, except that each dwelling unit may have eight (8) square feet for the use of that occupant, which may cause the total amount of signage to increase to more than twenty-four (24) square feet when there are more than three (3) dwelling units.

#### ALL ZONES

In all zones, for four fourteen-day periods, temporary signs may cover up to thirty-two (32) square feet per lot. That could be the equivalent of ten yard signs that are 18" x 24" in place for a two month period. If the signs are of non-rigid material (e.g., banners) they may cover up to thirty-six (36) square feet, but the total signage may not exceed one-hundred (100) square feet per lot.

### YARD SIGNS PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

The law prohibits placement of campaign signs on all public property, including but not limited to: medians, boulevards, parks or public golf courses, greenbelts, rights of way to arterials or freeways, bridges or overpasses or planting strips that abut public property, such as schools, public buildings, parks or public golf courses.

***COMPLAINTS about signs on public property or the planting strip adjacent to public property should be directed to the City agency responsible for that property, e.g. the Library, or Parks & Recreation Department, or other appropriate agency.***

***COMPLAINTS about signs in a public right of way should be directed to the Seattle Department of Transportation at (206) 684-7623 or by email at [684-Road@seattle.gov](mailto:684-Road@seattle.gov).***