

Temporary/Lawn/Political Signs



Informational Sheet

What are they, where they can be placed, and for how long?

TYPES OF SIGNS

Lawn Sign: A temporary freestanding sign that is supported by a frame, pole, or other structure placed directly in or upon the ground, wall or window. Most often you see lawn signs that are political in nature or advertising events or special offers.

Temporary Sign: Any sign, regardless of the construction material, that is not permanently attached to a building, structure or the ground.

Banner Sign: A temporary sign made of fabric or other non-rigid material with or without an enclosing framework.

MAXIMUM SIZE AND NUMBER OF SIGNS

Allowed Temporary Signs Within Residential Zones FMC 19.170.110(C)

Zone	Sign Type	Total Area	Height	Number
Single-family residential	Lawn Sign	12 square feet total permitted area. No sign face may be greater than 3 square feet.	60 inches	No number limit if within the maximum area limit.
Multifamily residential, commercial use in R/MF zone	Lawn Sign	64 square feet total permitted area. No sign face may be greater than 32 square feet.	8 feet	No number restriction if within the total allowed area limit.
Multifamily zones and commercial use in R/MF only	Banner Sign	64 square feet. No sign face may be greater than 32 square feet.	N/A	No number limit if within the maximum area limit.

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Allowed Temporary Signs Within Commercial and Light Industrial Zones (CC, TCC, NC, LI, VO, and VC) FMC 19.170.110(B)

Zone	Sign Type	Total Area	Height	Number
CC, TCC, NC, LI, VO, and VC	Lawn Sign	64 square feet total permitted area. No sign face may be greater than 32 square feet.	8 feet	No number restriction if within the total allowed area limit.** ** Lawn signs on the same frontage shall be spaced at least 50 ft. apart.
CC, TCC, NC, LI, VO, and VC	Banner Sign	32 square feet total permitted area.	N/A	No number restriction if within the total allowed area limit.
CC, TCC, NC, LI, VO, and VC	Balloon Sign	N/A	25 feet	1

Allowed Temporary Signs Within Village Mixed-Use (VMU) FMC 19.170.140(B)

Zone	Sign Type	Total Area	Height	Number
VMU	Lawn Sign	12 square feet total permitted area. No sign face may be greater than 3 square feet.	60 inches	No number restriction if within the total allowed area limit.
VMU	Banner Sign	16 square feet	N/A	1
VMU	Lawn Sign	12 square feet total permitted area. No sign face may be greater than 3 square feet.	60 inches	No number restriction if within the total allowed area limit.

How long can a lawn sign be in place and where can I place it?

- Signs must be removed within 180 days (6 months) of the date of installation.
- Signs may not be placed in a public right-of-way. The right-of-way is wider than the street and includes any sidewalk, planter strip, ditch or shoulder. Lawn signs can't be attached to trees, shrubbery, utility poles, or like items.

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- Signs may be placed on private property only with the owner's permission. If a sign is placed in the right-of-way in front of a home, or placed on a property without the owner's permission, that property owner or resident has the right to remove the sign.
- Signs cannot disrupt pedestrian or vehicle movement, or obstruct motorists' view of other traffic. If there is a hazard caused by a sign, the sign will be removed. Signs need to meet clear vision requirements and therefore can't be placed in the shaded area as shown on the following figures.



SIGN MAINTENANCE

Signs need to be kept neat, clean and in good repair. Materials should not fade, tear, rip or otherwise become unsightly.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information or questions, please contact the Fairview Public Works Department at 503-674-6206.