



POLITICAL ELECTION SIGN DEFINITION

- The definition of a *Political Election Sign* is a sign that announces or supports political candidates or issues in connection with any national, state, or local election.

POLITICAL ELECTION DISPLAY SPECIFICATIONS

- The number of Political Election Signs is unlimited.
- The maximum permitted sign area of any Political Election Sign is six square feet.
- The maximum permitted sign height of any Political Election Sign is six feet high.
- A Political Election Sign, according to Section 150.2005(B)(9)(v), can be a sign that is constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, paper, plywood, or other light material and intended to be displayed for a short period of time and is considered temporary.

POLITICAL ELECTION SIGN REGULATIONS

- A Political Election Sign shall be subject to the following regulations:
 - A sign may be installed or located at any location on private property so long as the owner of the lot on which the sign is to be located has consented to the installation.
 - A sign may include two attachments located beneath the sign, neither of which shall exceed 24 inches in width by six inches in height, which attachments shall not be counted toward the sign area and sign height limitations.
 - For purposes of the sign area and sign height limitations, any two signs that are located within 12 inches of each other shall be considered to be one Political Election Sign.
- Political Election Signs may be placed on fences located on private property but may not be placed on any utility pole, or in any location that would violate any regulation set forth in Chapter 150 of the City Code.

POLITICAL ELECTION SIGN PUBLIC PROPERTY REGULATIONS

- No Political Election Signs may be installed or located on any public property or right-of-way in the City, except as permitted in Section 150.2039.
- The erection of Political Election Signs shall not, as is not intended to, create a public forum on any City-owned property on which the sign is located.
- Political Election Signs may be installed on property owned by the City during any period in which early voting is permitted pursuant to Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/19A-5 et seq., only in strict accordance with the following:

- Signs may be installed only on property owned by the City that is contiguous to the property on which the early voting polling place is located
 - Signs shall not be installed within the “campaign free zone” established pursuant to Section 17-29 of the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/17-29
 - Signs may be installed only within the first 60 feet beyond the “campaign free zone” established pursuant to Section 17-29 of the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/17-29, but in no event within any building located within the 60-foot area
 - Signs shall not be installed within five feet of any vehicular public right-of-way, vehicular access way, or parking lot
 - Signs shall not be installed prior to the opening of the polling place on the first day of the early voting period, and shall be removed within 24 hours after the closing of the polling place on the last day of the early voting period.
- A Political Election Sign may be located on a public right-of-way, adjacent to a lot that is zoned in a Residential District or occupied by a Residential Structure, **only if all three** of the following conditions have been satisfied:
 - There is no sidewalk immediately adjacent to that portion of the public right-of-way on which the political election sign is to be located;
 - The owner of the lot whose front lot line abuts, and is on the same side of that portion of the public right-of-way on which the sign is to be located has consented to the installation; and
 - The sign is located no closer than five feet from the paved portion of the public right-of-way
- All signs installed on public property or rights-of-way shall be installed and maintained in compliance with all applicable regulations, including, without limitation, the provisions applicable to the zoning district in which the sign is located.