

Effective October 2013, the following are the rules and regulations regarding political signage in the Town of Spindale:

Any sign less than 9 sq. ft. in area is exempt from the Sign Ordinance; this includes any combination to get to 9 sq. ft. (i.e. 3" x 3", 2" x 4.5", 1" x 9", etc.). All Candidates will be required to obtain a Zoning Permit for any signage greater than 9 sq. ft. There is a one-time fee of \$50.00 for this Zoning Permit and it will cover all signage of the candidacy greater than 9 sq. ft. for the duration of this year's election. The following rules apply to Political Signs and are taken from the Town Code of Ordinances, Chapter 154, Article VIII. Sign Regulations (adopted February 20, 2012):

- **Section 4. Signs Prohibited:**

- 1) Any advertising sign erected, constructed or maintained so as it interferes with vision clearance along any street, road, or highway or at any intersection or junction of two or more traffic arteries.
- 2) Any sign, (except a governmental sign) located within a street right-of-way, or projecting into a street right-of-way, unless the street right-of-way extends so close to the business that a sign cannot be kept out of the right-of-way.
- 3) Any sign which obstructs or substantially interferes with any window, door, fire escape, stairway, ladder, or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress or egress for any building.
- 4) Any flashing device or sign displaying flashing or intermittent lights, or lights of changing degrees of intensity, except a sign indicating time and/or temperature.
- 5) Any sign painted on a roadway, (except governmental signs), or any sign posted to utility poles, trees or rocks.
- 6) Any sign which is a copy or an imitation of an official governmental sign, or which purports to have official status.
- 7) Signs painted or displayed on vehicles or trailers if the vehicle or trailer is parked in a location for the primary purpose of displaying the sign, except for signs that are painted on or attached to commercial vehicles, which are not parked for the primary purpose of displaying the sign.
- 8) Roof signs.
- 9) Temporary and Portable signs used as permanent signage.

- **Section 6.1: Temporary Political Signs:**

- a) There shall be no more than one sign per candidate or issue on any one lot.
- b) Such signs shall be placed no closer to the street or road than the edge of the sidewalk farthest from the street or road or, if no sidewalk is in place, no closer than eight feet from the back of the curb or edge of the street or road, whichever applies.
- c) Where not attached to a building or other structure, such signs shall be self-supporting.
- d) The candidate, or his or her representative, shall identify a person who the Town may require to remove the signs after the election.
- e) Such signs shall be removed no later than 10 days after the election date.
- f) If by the 11th day after the election the signs are not removed, the Town may remove the signs and bill the candidate for the cost of removal.