Political Sign Handout

The following rules for the display of political signs are summarized from Table 19.30-1 of the Burien Municipal Code. The full sign code is available from the Department of Community Development or on our web site.

Where are political signs allowed?

Political signs are allowed in all areas of the city. They may be displayed on private property or on public right-of-way.

Where are political signs prohibited?

Political signs are prohibited on utility poles, lampposts, traffic signals, traffic signs, public buildings, public structures or public property other than public rights-of-way. Political signs posted in these areas are subject to immediate removal.

Is a permit required?

No permit is required.

Is there a maximum size allowed?

Yes. Size is limited as follows:

- Single-family and multi-family residential zones: 4 square feet per sign face.
- Commercial zones: 4 square feet per sign face. If on private property, may be larger than 4 square feet if the business where the sign will be displayed has not used all of its' allowable sign area for the business. Please contact us for more information.

When can signs be displayed?

Political signs for an upcoming election may be posted at any time. *Signs* relating to a specific election or ballot measure shall be removed within ten (10) days after the voting day to which they pertain. However, *signs* for successful candidates or ballot measures in a primary election may remain until 10 days following the general election.

For more information, please contact Barb Canfield, Code Compliance Officer at 206-248-5507 or MichaelA@burienwa.gov.

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