

SIGN GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIONS MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Campaign signs are allowed for all candidates during the campaign process preceding an election. However, each of the three localities in Montgomery County (County, Town of Blacksburg, and Town of Christiansburg) have their own regulations within their ordinances that regulate the placement, size, and duration for which these signs can remain posted.

The following guide is intended to be a summary of the regulations within each of the jurisdictions. Contact information is listed for the individual jurisdictions for any additional questions related to these requirements.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (OUTSIDE OF TOWN LIMITS)

Signs for elections are typically classified as temporary signs* that do not require a permit if the following standards are met:

	Agricultural & Residential Zoning Districts	Business & Industrial Zoning Districts
Maximum Size (in square feet)	16 square feet per sign 32 square feet of total signage	32 square feet per sign 32 square feet of total signage
Maximum Number	Unlimited	Unlimited
Location/Setback	10 feet from property line	10 feet from property line
Maximum Height	4 feet	6 feet
Signs must be removed within 7 days following the election		
Signs shall be maintained in good repair and in safe condition		
Signs cannot be placed within the right-of-way		

**Temporary sign means a sign which is intended for short term use and constructed of cloth, canvas, vinyl, paper, plywood, fabric or other lightweight material not well suited to provide a durable substrate or if made of some other material, and is neither permanently installed in the ground nor permanently affixed to a building or structure which is permanently installed in the ground*

The full text of the Zoning Ordinance is available at the [Planning Department webpage](#). To determine the zoning or a property, you may contact the Planning Department or use the County's [MyGIS OneView map](#) online.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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For political campaign sign regulations for the Town of Christiansburg and the Town of Blacksburg, please see the reverse of this sheet.

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG

Campaign signs are considered temporary signage and are regulated by Christiansburg's Zoning Ordinance. The following information is intended to help candidates for political office display their campaign signs in compliance with Christiansburg's sign regulations.

- Temporary signs must be removed after 90 days.
- Temporary signs must be placed on private property, a minimum of 5 feet back from the street right-of-way line (i.e., the front property line). Please keep in mind the right-of-way line is often around 10 feet from the edge of pavement in residential districts. Along the major commercial corridors, the right-of-way may be further back.
- In residential districts, the total amount of temporary signage on the property cannot exceed 12 square feet (a permit is not required).
- In business and industrial districts, a permit is not required if the total amount of temporary signage on the property does not exceed 20 square feet
- Additional signage in the business and industrial districts may be obtained with a temporary sign permit. The cost of a permit is \$30.60.

Signs are regulated under [Article XXIV, Chapter 42](#) "Zoning" of the *Christiansburg Town Code*. The allowable types, sizes, and placement of signs is determined by the property's zoning district. You may contact the Planning Department or use the Town's [online GIS map](#) to determine a property's zoning designation.

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Christiansburg Planning Department

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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG

Prohibited: The most important item to remember about campaign signs within the Town of Blacksburg is **they are prohibited to be placed in the public right-of-way.**

Allowed: Temporary signs, such as political election campaign signs, are only allowed to be placed on private property and require the permission of the property owner. Temporary signs per lot shall not exceed a combined total of thirty-two (32) square feet.

TEMPORARY SIGN, definition – "A sign that is not permanently mounted to a building or into the ground. Signs attached by rope, string, chain, tape, paste, and similar mechanisms; signs not rigidly attached to a supporting structure; signs made of paper, cardboard, cloth, and similar materials; and signs that are pushed, hammered or similarly put into the ground are considered temporary signs."

Removal: Temporary signs, such as political campaign signs, must be removed within ten (10) days after the election event.

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