



Community Bulletin

TEMPORARY SIGNS

The Community Bulletin is designed to provide a clear and concise overview of the adopted community standards applicable to a particular topic of interest. The subject of this bulletin is Temporary Signs.

DEFINITION: Section 154.096 of the City of Piqua Codified Ordinances defines a temporary sign as a sign that is not permanently embedded into the ground, or permanently affixed to a building or sign structure that is permanently embedded in the ground. Temporary signs are further categorized by the message type; i.e., commercial or noncommercial. A commercial message is defined as any message that advertises goods or services for economic gain. A non-commercial message is defined as any message that communicates ideological beliefs (such as a sign supporting a political or religious cause) or information that does not advertise goods or services for economic gain.

STANDARDS: The following information highlights the standards applicable to the installation of a Temporary Sign.

Location – Temporary signs may be placed on privately owned lots (provided the owner of the lot approves of the placement of the sign). Signs should not be placed near a driveway, sidewalk or street in such a manner that the sign becomes an obstruction to the sight lines of pedestrians or motorists or otherwise creates a public safety hazard. Temporary signs are not allowed on vacant lots, public right of way, or public land. This includes the area between the public sidewalk and the street curb, medians and boulevards, ditches along uncurbed roadways, park grounds, city facilities, and other public spaces such as the downtown gazebo area. Signs erected within these areas or affixed to a utility pole, tree, fencing or other object within the public right of way or on public land will be removed by City of Piqua maintenance crews. Likewise, it is not permissible to affix a temporary sign to light poles, trees, or permanent sign posts located on the subject lot.

Number of Signs – There is no limit on the number of non-commercial message signs that may be placed on a single lot. Commercial message signs are limited to one per 100 feet of street frontage.

Period of Display – Provided 90 days has lapsed since the last display, a commercial message sign may be displayed for a period of up to 90 consecutive days, or until the event or activity the sign advertises ends or discontinues or the sign message becomes obsolete. Non-commercial message signs may be displayed for an unlimited display period.





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Size, Height and Setback

Temporary "yard" signs up to six square feet in area and up to four feet in height are permissible on developed lots provided the sign is setback at least two feet from the front lot line. Other sign types and larger sizes may be permissible relative to the lot size and depending on the zoning district of the subject property. Because the standards vary considerably depending on the sign type and location it is best to contact the Development Department for assistance with identifying the applicable regulations.

Permit Requirement – While there is no permit requirement for a Temporary Sign, the owner of the property on which the sign is displayed is responsible for the conformance of the sign with adopted community standards.

SUMMARY:

Temporary Signs...

- May be located on private lots, except for those that are vacant.
- Prohibited from being located within the public right of way or on public lands.
- Affixed to a utility pole, tree, fencing or other object within the public right of way or on public land will be removed by City of Piqua maintenance crews.
- One commercial message sign type per 100 feet of property frontage may be displayed on a single property.
- Commercial message sign types may be displayed for up to a period of 90 consecutive days provided 90 days has lapsed since the previous display and provided the sign is removed at such time the message is obsolete.
- An unlimited number of non-commercial message sign types may be displayed on a single property.
- Non-commercial message signs may be displayed for an unlimited period.
- Maximum size, height, and setback standards apply to temporary signs.

REFERENCE:

- City of Piqua Code of Ordinances: § 154.096 DEFINITIONS and §154.100 TEMPORARY ATTACHED AND DETACHED SIGNS.

CONTACT:

- Development Department (937) 778-2049

Disclaimer - This publication provides a summary of the actual code language related to this topic and is intended only to highlight the information most relevant to the subject topic. To view the adopted language concerning this topic please visit <http://www.piquaoh.org/charter.htm> and access the code sections referenced in this document.