



City of Cocoa Beach

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POLITICAL SIGN DEPOSIT AND REGISTRATION

Date: _____

Candidate: Name: _____

Political Position: Title: _____ Date of Election: _____

Person Responsible for Posting and Removing Signs: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____ (Zip Code) _____

Phone Number - Home: () _____ Work: () _____

E-Mail Address _____

City Code Sections pertaining to Political Signs

Sections 6-06(f), 6-07(h), 6-17(e), 6-20(a)(b)(c)(d)(1) and 6-27.

I have read and understand the rules for posting and removing Political Signs in the City of Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Applicant Signature: _____

City Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

Paid by: Check No. _____

Date sent to Building Dept. _____

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Section 6-06 Permit Fee Schedule

- (f) Political sign fees: The candidate whose sign is erected or placed, or the campaign manager or other person responsible for such erection or placing of any political sign, shall deposit the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) with the city clerk. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of this sum shall be non-returnable and used for the purpose of defraying the cost of enforcing the provisions of this section and forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be used to fund the cost of removal of the candidates' signs by city employees in the event they are not removed within three (3) days of the date of the election. A single fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit shall be required for each candidate or political cause being advertised.

Section 6-07 Permit Exemptions and Exceptions

The following signs are exempt from the permit requirements of this chapter, but must comply with appropriate construction, erection, maintenance and inspection standards and setback/location requirements

- (h) Political signs or posters not exceeding six (6) square feet in area

Section 6-17 Special Criteria and Standards

The following criteria and standards apply to those signs as specified depending on their function/use or character and zone requirements. The class of sign as used, determines height, setback and location measurements.

- (e) Political signs: No political sign shall be erected or placed on city-owned property, and any political sign, whether or not it is exempt from the permit requirements of this chapter, that is erected or placed at any other location in the city shall be removed within three (3) days after an election or campaign to which such sign pertains; provided, however, that a sign may remain through any secondary, primary, or run-off election as to any candidate who is subject thereto. The candidate shall be deemed responsible for the erection or placing of any political sign bearing the candidates name and the candidate responsible for the erection or placing of any political sign shall be legally responsible for the removal of any political sign erected or placed as herein set forth. Fees for political signs shall be as set forth in Section 6-06.

Section 6-20 Special District Regulations

- (a) RS-1 Single-Family Residential District.

- (1) The following temporary signs are permitted:

- a. Real estate signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area of the total of all real estate signs located on the property offered.
- b. Political signs.
- c. Construction signs or future improvement signs in accordance with Section 6-17 and contractor signs in accordance with Section 6-07.
- d. Other signs: Garage, yard sale, and household sale signs, and vehicle for sale signs, in accordance with Section 6-17(h), and/or other applicable provisions of these regulations.

- (2) The following permanent signs are permitted:

- a. Churches and similar places of worship, their attendant educational and recreational buildings, and other non-residential uses may have one (1) monument sign abutting each right-of-way frontage adjacent to the property providing:
 1. The first monument sign has an area no greater than thirty-two (32) square feet and a height no greater than six (6) feet.
 2. If the property has multiple frontages, a second monument sign may be installed on a second right-of-way frontage and said second sign may have an area no greater than sixteen (16) square feet and a height no greater than six (6) feet.
 3. There shall be no more than two (2) monument signs per property.
 4. There shall be no more than one (1) non-illuminated wall sign per property, up to sixteen (16) square feet.
- b. Subdivision and project entrance signs are permitted at the entrance(s) of any residential development subject to the following provisions:
 1. Each entrance shall be limited to a total sign area not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 2. The entrance signage may be comprised of one (1) or two (2) monument signs with a maximum height of six (6) feet.

- (3) The following classes of signs are prohibited in RS-1:

- a. Marquee signs;
- b. Projecting signs;
- c. Roof signs;
- d. Portable signs;
- e. Wall signs, except as provided for in 6-20(a)(2)a.4. above;
- f. Off-site signs; and,
- g. Banner and spectacular signs.

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(b) RM-1 Multifamily Residential District.

(1) The following temporary signs are permitted:

- a. Real estate signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area of the total of all real estate signs located on the property offered.
- b. Political signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area of the total of all political signs on the property.
- c. Construction signs or future improvement signs in accordance with Section 6-17 and contractor signs in accordance with Section 6-07.
- d. Other signs: Garage, yard sale, and household sale signs, and vehicle for sale signs, in accordance with Section 6-17(h), and/or other applicable provisions of these regulations.

(2) The following permanent signs are permitted:

- a. Churches and similar places of worship, their attendant educational and recreational buildings, and other non-residential uses may have one (1) monument sign abutting each right-of-way frontage adjacent to the property providing:
 1. The first monument sign has an area no greater than thirty-two (32) square feet and a height no greater than six (6) feet.
 2. If the property has multiple frontages, a second monument sign may be installed on a second right-of-way frontage and said second sign may have an area no greater than sixteen (16) square feet and a height no greater than six (6) feet.
 3. There shall be no more than two (2) monument signs per property.
 4. There shall be no more than one (1) non-illuminated wall sign per property, up to sixteen (16) square feet.
- b. Subdivision, multi-family units, townhouses and project entrance signs are permitted at the entrance(s) of any residential development subject to the following provisions:
 1. Each entrance shall be limited to a total sign area not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 2. The entrance signage may be comprised of one (1) or two (2) monument signs with a maximum height of six (6) feet.
 3. In lieu of monument signs in accordance with 1 and 2 above, the project may display one (1) wall sign with a total sign area not to exceed one (1) square foot in area for every one (1) foot of the building frontage provided each wall sign area does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 4. The project may have no more than two (2) wall signs regardless of the number of frontages.

(3) The following classes of signs are prohibited in RM-1:

- a. Marquee signs;
- b. Projecting signs;
- c. Roof signs;
- d. Portable signs;
- e. Wall signs, except as provided for in 6-20(b)(2)a.4. and b.3 above;
- f. Off-site signs; and,
- g. Banner and spectacular signs.

(c) RM-2 Multifamily Professional District.

(1) The following temporary signs are permitted:

- a. Real estate signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet and limited to one (1) per lot or parcel.
- b. Political signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area of the total of all political signs on the property.
- c. Construction signs or future improvement signs in accordance with Section 6-17 and contractor signs in accordance with Section 6-07.
- d. Other signs: Garage, yard sale, and household sale signs, and vehicle for sale signs, in accordance with Section 6-17(h), and/or other applicable provisions of these regulations.

(2) The following permanent signs are permitted:

- a. Churches and similar places of worship, their attendant educational and recreational buildings, and other non-residential uses may have one (1) monument sign abutting each right-of-way frontage adjacent to the property providing:
 1. The first monument sign has an area no greater than thirty-two (32) square feet and a height no greater than six (6) feet.
 2. If the property has multiple frontages, a second monument sign may be installed on a second right-of-way frontage and said second sign may have an area no greater than sixteen (16) square feet and a height no greater than six (6) feet.
 3. There shall be no more than two (2) monument signs per property.
 4. There shall be no more than one (1) non-illuminated wall sign per property, up to sixteen (16) square feet.

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- b. Subdivision, multi-family units, townhouses and residential project entrance signs are permitted at the entrance(s) of any residential development subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. Each entrance shall be limited to a total sign area not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 - 2. The entrance signage may be comprised of one (1) or two (2) monument signs with a maximum height of six (6) feet.
 - 3. In lieu of monument signs in accordance with 1 and 2 above, the project may display one (1) wall sign with a total sign area not to exceed one (1) square foot in area for every one (1) foot of the building frontage provided each wall sign area does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 - 4. The project may have no more than two (2) wall signs regardless of the number of frontages.
 - c. Office, professional, business, and other non-residential uses:
 - 1. Ground and monument signs:
 - i. One (1) sign per parcel with said sign not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and a maximum height of fifteen (15) feet.
 - ii. If the property or parcel has multiple frontages, one (1) additional monument sign may be installed on a second right-of-way frontage and said sign may have an area no greater than sixteen (16) square feet and a height no greater than six (6) feet.
 - 2. Wall signs:
 - i. Attached sign on the front of the establishment with a total sign area not to exceed one (1) square foot in area for every one (1) foot of the establishment's building frontage with said sign not to exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 - ii. Two (2) additional wall signs may be allowed on sides or the rear other than the front. The total area of these additional signs shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the permitted area of the front wall sign.
 - iii. Within shopping centers, multi-tenant projects, or when the overall land mass of the project exceeds two (2) acres and the establishment's building frontage exceeds one-hundred (100) feet, an attached sign per tenant/establishment with a total sign area not to exceed one and one-half (1.5) square foot in area for every front foot of building frontage to a maximum of one-hundred (100) square feet shall be allowed. One additional side or rear wall signs are allowed for these establishments provided the second wall sign does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the permitted area of the front wall sign.
- (3) The following classes of signs are prohibited in RM-2:
- a. Portable signs;
 - b. Off-site signs; and,
 - c. Banner and spectacular signs.
- (d) CT-1 Oceanfront Residential and Transient District, CG General Commercial District, CN Neighborhood Commercial District, and PS-1 Public and Semi-Public District.
- (1) The following temporary signs are permitted:
- a. Real estate signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet and limited to one (1) per lot or parcel. For lots or parcels in excess of two-hundred fifty (250) foot frontage, two (2) signs a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet each may be used.
 - b. Political signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area of the total of all political signs on the property.
 - c. Construction signs or future improvement signs in accordance with Section 6-17 and contractor signs in accordance with Section 6-07.
 - d. Other signs: Garage, yard sale, and household sale signs, and vehicle for sale signs, in accordance with Section 6-17(h), and/or other applicable provisions of these regulations.
 - e. Temporary signs, including portable signs, in accordance with Section 6-17(j).
 - f. In the CG General Commercial District and CN Neighborhood Commercial District only, sidewalk or sandwich signs/menu boards in accordance with Section 6-17(i).

Section 6-25 Prohibited Signs and Sign Features

The following signs are prohibited:

- (a) Signs on seawalls and retaining walls. No sign shall be attached to or painted on seawalls fronting the Atlantic Ocean or on seawalls or retaining walls bordering any watercourse, nor on any body of water, canal, or waterway, except on a commercial vessel underway or moored or tied up to commercially zoned CT-1, CN, CG, and PS-1 properties, or as exempted by Section 6-07(f).
- (b) Signs on public utility poles and trees. Signs, regardless of whether exempt from permanent requirements, including political signs, are prohibited on public utility poles and trees.
- (c) Signs on windows, doors and fire escapes. No sign, including structures connected thereto, shall be erected, placed or maintained so as to obstruct any fire escape, window, door, or opening used as a means of ingress or egress or ventilation or so as to prevent free passage from one (1) part of a roof to any other part thereof, and no

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sign shall be attached to or placed on a fire escape.

- (d) Sign over public property. No sign shall extend over public property or public right-of-way except:
 - (1) The projection signs that are over eight (8) feet high, measured from the bottom of the sign.
 - (2) A marquee sign on an awning or similar canopy which extends over the public sidewalk, or sandwich or sandwich signs (menu boards) in CG General Commercial and CN Neighborhood Commercial zoning districts within the area bounded by Brevard Avenue, 1st Street South, 2nd Street North, and the Seawall Line. Said marquee signs shall not be placed in, on or over the city right-of-way without permission from, and meeting the requirements of the city manager or designee.
 - (3) Household sales signs erected in conformance with Section 6-17(h) of these regulations.
- (e) Immoral display. No sign shall be erected which displays any statement, work, character or illustration of an obscene, indecent or immoral nature, and which shall violate accepted community standards.
- (f) Banner signs. Banner, balloons, pendants or streamers, except temporary signs in accordance with Section 6-17(j) and those of a temporary nature, which are incidental to a special promotion and are approved by the city manager or designee. Permitted banner signs may not be placed across any street or thoroughfare without the approval of the city manager or designee.
- (g) Illumination features. No sign will be permitted within fifty (50) feet of a street or highway paving which includes lighting which appears by approximate size and color to be a traffic signal or emergency vehicle light. No rotating or flashing signal lamp similar to those used on emergency vehicles is permitted regardless of location or color.
- (h) Off-site signs. Off-site advertising is prohibited in Cocoa Beach.
- (i) General. The following signs or sign features are prohibited:
 - (1) Bullseye, divergent, sequential or flashing lights designed to focus attention to a single point.
 - (2) Spectacular signs, including signs utilizing flashing or intermittent lighting, with the exception of changeable message boards showing time and/or temperature, or a single frame message displayed in any one (1) minute period.
 - (3) Rotating paddle signs.
 - (4) Paper signs are prohibited with the exception of bumper stickers, political signs and exempt signs specified in Section 6-07 "Permit Exemptions and Exceptions".
 - (5) No sign shall be erected or maintained by any location, where by reason of position, illumination, shape or color, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic signal, sign or device. Nor shall it make use of the words "STOP", "LOOK", "DANGER", or any word, phrase, symbol or character in such manner as to interfere with or confuse traffic. No sign of any description shall be erected or placed in any location where its presence will interfere with clear sight distances of either motor vehicles or pedestrian traffic. The above standards shall be applied as determined by the city traffic engineer.
- (j) Signs on glass visible from a public right-of-way shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total square footage of the glass area on which the sign is located.
- (k) Trailer signs when attached to, or placed on a vehicle or trailer that is parked on public or private property for the purpose of advertisement, except as a temporary advertising sign under the provisions of Section 6-17 "Special Criteria and Standards". Purpose of advertisement shall mean parking and/or storing a trailer sign in any front yard area. This provision does not apply to a firm or business identification sign permanently painted or magnetically attached to an operable motor vehicle so long as that vehicle is parked or situated on property owned or under the control of the business named on the vehicle or is parked temporarily while the operator of the vehicle is conducting business at that particular location.
- (l) No illuminated sign or display shall be located as to violate Cocoa Beach Code Section 15-44.
- (m) Signs not specifically identified as permitted are prohibited.

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POLITICAL SIGNS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CITY, COUNTY OR STATE RIGHT-OF-WAYS.

LOCATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAYS:

- ✓ TEN FEET FROM THE STREET (APPROXIMATELY THREE GIANT STEPS)

For further clarification on right-of-way location, please call the City of Cocoa Beach Development Services Department - 868-3217 - prior to placement of sign.