



Election Signage Information

With elections coming up, the following are sign regulations for campaign advertisements within the City of Grants' city limits:

5.7.2. Applicability. The following provides for the erection of new signs in the City; provided, however, that, in areas within 660 feet of the right-of-way of state highways or interstate highways, the New Mexico Highway Beautification Act (Section 67-12-1 through 67-12-15) and rules promulgated under that Act shall also apply. Should the Act and this Code conflict, the more restrictive provision shall apply. No new sign may be erected unless such sign conforms to the following schedule of types of uses and classification of signs permitted.

Permits Required. Permits shall be required for all new signs and for alterations to existing signs, which include altering the sign size, area, and/or height. Permits are not required for temporary signs and portable special signs, exempt signs listed in Section 5.7.5 or for alterations to existing sign faces by painting, overlay, or change of message or design.

Clear-Sight Triangle. To ensure traffic safety, signs shall not impede the clear-sight triangle. The clear-sight triangle is defined as an unobstructed vision determined by measuring: below the height of eight feet and 25 feet back from a corner as measured along the intersecting property lines, and completed by the imaginary line connecting those two points. A corner includes street intersections as well as entries and exits of public streets.

Dangerous Signs. No property owner shall retain on any premises any sign that is in a dangerous or defective condition. In cases of immediate danger to the public due to the defective nature of a sign, the Code Enforcement Official may cause the immediate removal of the sign and may assess the costs of the removal against the owner of the property.

Type F. Temporary Signs and Portable Special Signs

1. Purpose: to announce the sale or leasing of a property building; public events to be held; the building, architect, or tenant of a proposed building or property; election campaigns; special sales.
2. Size: 80 square feet maximum per sign.
3. Number: one for each street frontage upon which the property faces, and place so that only one sign faces each street.
4. Illumination: same as E.4. (E-4. Illumination: Passive only shall be allowed. Interruptive illumination with wig-wag or strobe light flashing shall not be allowed. Light that shines into a residential zone will not be permitted.)
5. Height: Temporary signs and portable special signs shall be no higher than 10 feet.

6. Time limit: No temporary signs or portable special signs shall be erected or displayed for longer than 120 days per calendar year*. The business owner or property owner shall remove any temporary signs on or before the expiration date.

7. Signs that are towable, or otherwise temporary, must meet the following conditions:

a. Towable or other temporary signs must be permitted by the City. (Election signs do not need a permit.)

b. The location shall be on private property but not in a site triangle or otherwise a hazardous location.

The number of such signs shall be no more than one per property. The size of such sign shall be no bigger than a panel van. The City will also establish the length of time that such sign may be on display.

c. If illuminated, such sign must meet the State electric code relative to safety, structure, and placement as approved by the City Building Official for each placement.

*Note: any signs up longer than 120 days are not considered temporary and require a permit from the City of Grants.

Campaign signs cannot be placed on the City of Grants' property. Also, signs must be at least 100 feet away from any polling place used for the election.

If there are any questions regarding permissible signs in the City of Grants for campaign purposes, please get in touch with the City of Grants, Office of Code Enforcement at 505-285-3981.

Thank you,

City of Grants
Office of Code Enforcement