

April 13, 2016  
Dear Candidate:

During election cycles the City of Gainesville receives many complaints related to signs. To provide assistance to you, your campaign staff and supporters please review the following information about sign regulations contained in the City of Gainesville's Code of Ordinances. If a sign is found to be in violation of the city's sign ordinance, those responsible for the sign may be subject to a civil citation or other enforcement action including the removal of any offending sign.

**Residential Districts:**

Section 30-317 of the Code of Ordinances allows temporary signs on residential zoned properties as follows:

- Non-illuminated signs
- Signs cannot exceed 6 square feet with a maximum height of 4 feet
- Setback must be 10 feet from side property lines

**Non-residential Districts:**

Section 30-317 of the Code of Ordinances allows temporary signs on non-residential zoned properties as follows:

- One non-illuminated sign for each parcel
- Signs cannot exceed 32 square feet with a maximum height of 8 feet.
- Setback must be 15 feet from side property lines

**Public Right of Way:**

No sign is permitted on any public right of way per Section 30-316 of the Code of Ordinances. Such signs are subject to removal by the City of Gainesville. Public right of way generally includes medians, roundabouts, and the land adjacent to streets that include public infrastructure (utility poles, water meters, traffic signal boxes, utility boxes, sidewalks, etc.). Signs removed by city staff are subject to disposal and those responsible for their placement may receive a civil citation.

**Vision Triangle Obstructions:**

Please remind your campaign staff, volunteers and supporters to post all signage on private property, away from intersections so as to not impede the view of oncoming traffic.

**Removal of Signs:**

The City of Gainesville requires removal of signs by the **third day** after the election.

Please do your part to ensure that your campaign staff, volunteers and supporters are aware of the City of Gainesville's sign ordinance requirements. I look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have regarding the city's sign ordinance or other code enforcement related issues. If you have any questions or require clarification of any referenced regulations, please contact our office at (352) 334-5030, or visit our website at [www.gainesvillecodes.org](http://www.gainesvillecodes.org).

Sincerely,

Christopher Cooper  
Code Enforcement Manager