The Purpose
This pamphlet is a user friendly tool to answer many of the questions asked staff about temporary signs in the City of Greenville. Many of the questions answered within this pamphlet include the following:

1. What are temporary signs?
2. What are exempt signs?
3. What are the square footage regulations for real estate signs?
4. What signs do not require a building permit or zoning approval?
5. Are temporary signs entitled to a legally nonconforming status?
6. What are the prohibited signs and the exceptions?
7. What special event signs are allowed and time limits?
8. What are the square footage coverage limits for windows and doors?
9. Are flags allowed?

Let’s all team up and work together in partnership to keep our community safe and clean!

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**The City of Greenville Guide to Understanding Temporary Signs**

### Definitions

*Temporary Sign:* Any portable advertising sign which attracts the public attention to an event or specific products sold. Such signs include the following:

- Signs made of paper, cloth, polyethylene film.
- Signs not permanently affixed to the ground or building surface as approved by the building inspector.
- Trailer signs
- Balloons exception 9-4-227
- Portable signs
- Banners, flags and other similar materials

### Exempt signs cont’d

**h.** Certain temporary signs
- Election signs
- Holiday signs remove **10 days** after event
- Construction identification signs
- Interior bldg signs with no more than **25% coverage of windows or doors**. Painted signs are not temporary.
- **Temporary non illuminated real estate signs** provided:
  - **12 sq. ft. area limit residential zones**
  - **50 sq. ft. area limit commercial**
- Other temporary (commercial) signs
- Not more than one sign per lot
- **6 sq. ft. area limit**
- Only applicable to commercial zones

### Special provisions for certain signs

**k.** Temporary on-premises special event Spotlights and Roof Mounted Inflated Balloons:

- **Restrictions for spotlights**
  - a. No more than one spotlight per lot.
  - Two (2) consecutive day limit
  - Display limited to 20 days in one year

- **Roof mounted Inflatable balloons**
  - Restrictions same as spotlights

### Signs Not Allowed

**a.** Kites
**b.** Balloons except as described.
**c.** Spotlights except as described.
**d.** Flags exceeding **100sq ft commercial use**
**e.** Temporary signs except as described
**f.** Attached signs to radio/TV towers or poles
**g.** Suspended signs between two structures or poles
**h.** Roof signs except as described.
**i.** Revolving signs
**j.** Flashing signs except time and temperature
**k.** Strings, ribbons, tinsels, small flags
**l.** Pinwheels, windmills, or other devices

### Nonconforming Signs

[f.) All temporary signs existing on the effective date (November 13, 1986) of this article which do not conform to the requirements...shall be removed...]