

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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Code Enforcement Division's Guide to Understanding



Temporary Signs

The City of Greenville Guide to Understanding Temporary Signs

Definitions

[Sec 9-4-222]

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

No Permits required (Exempt Signs): [Sec 9-4-227]

- a. Residential signs- noncommercial Purpose, e.g. address or identification 3 sq. ft. limit.
- **b.** Memorial plaques
- **c.** On-premises signs with a governmental purpose
- **d.** On premises governmental or nonprofit balloons, flags, Insignia
- e. Architectural features of a bldg.
- f. Directional signs on property, e.g. signs for restroom, exits, parking
 3 sq. ft. limit
- **g.** Signs permanently attached to a licensed motor vehicle.

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

[Sec 9-4-233]

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 (Prohibited Signs)

[Sec 9-4-237]

- 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
- 1. Pinwheels, windmills, or other devices

Nonconforming Signs. [Section 9-4-225]

(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...