

7.55.23 Political Signs; Limitations and Requirements for Temporary Permits

1. Any person desiring to distribute or display political signs in connection with an organized campaign in support of or opposition to and candidacy, political-slate or ticket, or ballot proposal shall first make application to the building inspector for the issuance of a temporary sign permit. Such application shall include the name, address and telephone number of the applicant. The applicant for the permit shall provide the building inspector with specimen copies of all signs to be distributed or displayed under the permit.
2. The Building Inspector shall issue the requested permit upon receipt of the following:
 - a. An application with all requested information supplied
 - b. A specimen of the sign(s) to be used as required by paragraph 1, above
 - c. A surety bond in the amount of \$100 redeemable by the City of Petal if any sign permitted hereby remains on any property for more than ten (10) days following the election for which it was permitted. Said permit shall authorize the distribution, erection and display of an unlimited number of signs of the type or types submitted as specimens by the applicant and shall allow for the placement of one sign to be erected per premise/Street frontage.
3. Any such permit shall be issued for a period of time not to exceed sixty (60) consecutive calendar days prior to an election date; provided, however, that in the event that signs are distributed, erected or displayed under any such permit in connection with any candidacy or ballot proposal which involves more than one election, the permit shall be automatically extended to the tenth day following the date of the general election to which the sign pertains.
4. No political sign shall be erected or displayed in any public right-of-way. No solicitation of votes shall take place in the public right-of-way.
5. No political sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign face area. No political sign can be stacked one on top of the other in billboard fashion.
6. The applicant shall remove all political signs erected or displayed under any permit issued to him under the provisions of this section no later than ten (10) calendar days following the last election to which the sign pertains. Upon the failure to timely remove such signs the City may thereafter remove and dispose of any remaining signs.