



# CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

The following information is provided for use as a synopsis of the Hallandale Beach regulations affecting political signs. Please help us keep our City clean by ensuring that campaign operations comply with all relevant City regulations.

Political signs are regulated by Chapter 32, Article IV Division 17 Signs in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hallandale Beach. The Sign Code exempts political signs from permit fees; however, the signs must be in compliance with all other applicable provisions of the Code. City Codes are available online at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).

## PROCEDURE:

- 1) Submit a sign bond payment through the City Clerk's office.
- 2) Signs on vacant lots require a statement signed by the owner or authorized agent authorizing the placement of the sign.
- 3) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant and/or candidate, must be included with all documents and information submitted.
- 4) A refundable cash bond or surety bond payable to the City in an amount of \$200.00 shall be submitted and posted for each candidate and provided to the City Clerk prior to erecting any political signs in the City. This amount shall be refunded subject to compliance with the code except that \$100.00 shall be retained by the City to cover administrative cost. Should the City remove or adjust the sign due to noncompliance with the regulations, the refund amount shall be adjusted in an amount equal to the City's cost of removal of the sign.

**EXCEPTION:** Any candidate who has filed a petition pursuant to Florida Statutes F.S. 99.095 or an affidavit pursuant to F.S. 99.093, shall be exempt from posting the bond. However, if the City removes or adjusts the candidate's sign due to non-compliance, the candidate shall be responsible for payment to the City of its expense of removal or adjustment of the sign.

## REQUIREMENTS:

### Political Signs

- 1) Pay a political sign Bond of \$200 to the City of Hallandale Beach.
- 2) Shall be limited to one sign per candidate or issue per business establishment, residential dwelling unit, or vacant property.
- 3) Not be erected prior to 60 calendar days of the election
- 4) All political signs SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 10 CALENDER DAYS after the election in which the candidate or issue was last on the ballot.
- 5) Shall not be placed upon any tree, utility pole, streetlight, public property, public right-of-way, or abandoned vehicle or machinery.
- 6) Shall not be placed on vacant property unless an agreement with the owner or authorized agent is executed; any signs except as so permitted are subject to removal without notice by the City.
- 7) Shall be in compliance with all other applicable provisions of the Sign Code.
- 8) Shall not exceed sixteen (16) sq. ft. each sign area an overall height of 16 feet.
- 9) Shall be single-faced or double-faced on one sign structure, provided however when two sign faces are part of the same structure such as an "A" or "V" sign, and are not more than 42 inches apart. The sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces.
- 10) Shall not be placed nearer to a designated polling place than the distance required by Florida Statutes.
- 11) Shall be subject to immediate removal, without notice by the Director for noncompliance with the provisions of the Code.

**EXCEPTION:** In single family districts, the sign may be located within the right-of-way, if it is not placed between the sidewalk and roadway, or if there is no sidewalk, the sign is setback a minimum of ten feet from the road.

### **The following types of signs are prohibited within the City of Hallandale Beach:**

- 1) Bus benches, bus shelters or waste receptacles displaying advertising matter, except as may be specifically permitted by the City Commission.
- 2) Roof Signs
- 3) Sidewalk or sandwich signs
- 4) Portable signs
- 5) Snipe signs
- 6) Banners, pennants, flags, festoons of lights and decorations, expect as specifically permitted in subsection (7.04).
- 7) Signs attached to trees, utility poles, fences, streetlights or the like.
- 8) Flashing or animated signs and electronic message centers.
- 9) Illuminated signs in all single-family or duplex residential districts or any non-shielded illuminated signs within two hundred feet of those districts, expect for hotels and motels.

- 10) Swinging, rotating, and moving signs or devices designed to attract attention, including pennants, flags, propellers, discs and the like, whether or not that device has written message content.
- 11) Vehicular signs, except those affixed to franchised buses, taxis or commercial vehicles operating during their normal course of business
- 12) Signs which copy or imitate official signs or which purport to have official status
- 13) Signs projecting into or over any public street right-of-way, including the sidewalk
- 14) Signs which obstruct or interfere with any door, fire exit, stairway, ladder or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress, or egress for any building
- 15) Signs not properly maintained, showing neglect, abandonment, or in an dilapidated or hazardous condition
- 16) Any sign which constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety; no sign shall be erected so that it obstructs the vision of pedestrians; no sign may be used which interferes with, misleads or confuses traffic
- 17) Open, exposed or strip neon signs
- 18) Any other sign not specifically permitted within the Sign Code

## CLAIMING OF SIGNS AFTER REMOVAL

If a sign is removed by a City employee, you may contact the Code Compliance Division or visit City Hall for its retrieval. A notice to the candidate will indicate how long the sign will be kept by the City before it is disposed of which will be no less than two days.

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AT POLLING PLACES

### NO ADVOCACY ZONE

Per Florida Statute 102.031(4)(a), no person, political committee, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 150 feet of a secure ballot intake station or the entrance to any polling place, a polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an early voting site, or an office of the supervisor where vote-by-mail ballots are requested and printed on demand for the convenience of electors who appear in person to request them. Before the opening of a secure ballot intake station location, a polling place, or an early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.

### TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

- A) Temporary Structures cannot be erected without a special event permit. Section 32-702
- B) Code staff made aware of any temporary structures will contact the BTR Division to determine if a special event permit was obtained.
- C) If no special event permit was obtained politely notify individuals using it that it must be removed. If they refuse to remove it, notify the Code Compliance Official or Code Supervisor immediately.

## NOISE

- A) The making, creation or maintenance of such loud, unnecessary, unnatural or unusual noises which are prolonged, unusual and unnatural in their time, place and use is prohibited. Section 19-18
- B) The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle on any street or public place of the city, except as a danger warning, is prohibited. Section 19-20(a)(1)
- C) The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated, any radio, TV set, musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound, in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners is prohibited. Any such noise plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet from the building, structure, and vehicle or place where it is located is a violation of this ordinance. Section 19-20(a)(2)
- D) Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing on the public street at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence or of any persons in the vicinity is prohibited. Section 19-20(a)(4)

## STAFF DIRECTORY AND ROLES

City Clerk	(954)457-1340
Code Compliance Division	(954)457-2220 Opt 3
Police (Non-Emergency)	(954) 764-HELP (4357)
Department of Sustainable Development	(954)457-2220
Parks Recreation and Open Spaces (Cultural Center)	(954)457-1452
City Hall Main Line	(954)457-1489

## OTHER IMPORTANT CODES & REGULATIONS FOR POLLING PLACES

### NO POLITICAL ADVOCACY ZONE:

Florida Statute 102.031

### TEMPORARY STRUCTURES:

City Code 32-702

### NOISE REGULATIONS:

City Code 19-20

### PARKING REGULATIONS:

City Code 28-15 & 32-452

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If you would like to file a complaint about a sign, please call the City's Code Compliance Division at (954)457-2220 opt. 3



The City of Hallandale Beach regulates signage as a means to preserve property values by preventing unsightly blight and clutter on private developments and limit potential hazards to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

This brochure is intended to be a quick reference guide for persons running for office and those supporting these candidates. You will find the sign standards in full on [www.MuniCode.com](http://www.MuniCode.com).



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## STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

### CONTACT US

Office: (954)457-2220 opt. 3

Email: [codeissue@cohb.org](mailto:codeissue@cohb.org)

Monday through Thursday 7am -5:30pm



DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
**CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION**

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# ELECTION SEASON GUIDELINES

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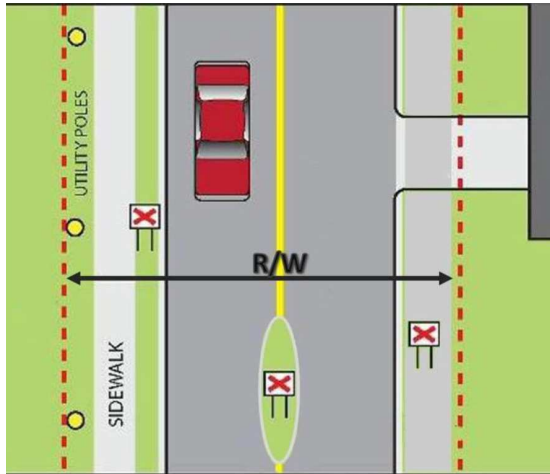


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### Can bonus signs be placed on swales?

No. Signs can only be placed on private properties. If there is no sidewalk, then such signs may be placed 10 feet away from the road City Code 32-607 (e) (3).



Signs are prohibited in the Rights of Way

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### How many signs can be placed in residential/commercial properties?

3 bonus signs under 22 inches by 28 inches each City Code 32-606 (b) (6) are allowed per unit City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (a)

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### When can bonus signs be installed/removed?

Signs can be installed up to 60 days prior to election day City Code 32-608 (b) (1)(b) and must be removed no later than 10 days after election date. City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (c)

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### What happens to signs that are removed by the City?

They are taken to City Hall, kept for two days and disposed of, unless otherwise picked up.

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### Can bonus signs be installed on vacant land?

Yes, signs must be bonded through the City Clerk's office pursuant to City Code 32-608 (b) (2) and must not exceed 16 square feet each in sign area an overall height of 16 feet City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (f).

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### Can signs be placed on poles, trees or fences?

No, bonus signs shall not be placed upon any tree, utility pole, streetlight, public property, public right-of-way, or abandoned vehicle or machinery City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (d).

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### Do bonus signs require a permit?

A permit is not required for bonus signs. City Code 32-605 (g) (5). However, candidates must pay a Bond prior to releasing signs for posting pursuant to City Code 32-608.



All bonus signs must be removed during an active tropical storm warning or hurricane watch or warning issued by the NOAA National Hurricane Center.

