

POLITICAL SIGNAGE
(Pursuant to MTMC 19.135.090.C)

This summary is not intended to replace specific city or state regulations.



ALLOWED LOCATIONS FOR POLITICAL SIGNS:

1. At political headquarters
 - Number: No restrictions.
 - Size: No restrictions.
 - Separation: No restrictions.
2. Within City street rights-of-way
 - Number: No more than one every 100 feet for each candidate. No maximum number.
 - Size: 16 square feet in area, maximum, per sign. Smaller signs may be combined to form a single sign, as long as total sign area does not exceed 16 square feet.

- Separation: One foot for signs less than 16 square feet in size. Minimum 100 feet apart for signs 16 square feet in area.
- Permission required:
 - Yes: From adjacent property owner for all signs located behind sidewalk or, if no sidewalk, directly adjacent to private residential property in the unimproved right-of-way area.
 - No: For signs placed in the parking strip (the area located between the sidewalk and paved roadway).

3. On private residential property

- Number: One for each candidate
- Size: 16 square feet in area, maximum, per sign.
- Separation: At least one foot between signs.
- Permission required:
 - Yes: From private property owner.



4. On private non-residential (commercial and industrial) property

- Number: One per lot for each candidate.
- Size: 16 square feet in area, maximum.
- Separation: N/A.



POLITICAL SIGNS MAY NOT BE PLACED IN OR ON THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Utility poles.
- Street lights.
- Traffic control standards or poles.
- Obstructing sidewalks or restricting pedestrian and barrier free movement.
- Where it creates a sight obstruction.
- City parks.
- City-owned land (excluding right-of-way).

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. No permit is required to install political signs.
2. Signs should be posted only after the candidate has filed for that position.
3. All political signs are to be removed within ten (10) days of the decisive election.
4. The city may remove signs at any time if they have been placed in a hazardous or illegal manner.



For more information

Phone 425.744.6267

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www.cityofmlt.com

To view the sign code online, go to:
www.codepublishing.com/WA/MountlakeTerrace/, then link to Title 19, Chapter 19.135

“Sign Regulations” and 19.120.290

“Sight Areas.”



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