

## **City Connections**

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### **Signs, Signs, Signs**

(STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA—Oct. 15) “Garage sale!” “Vote!” “Work from home!” Everyone has seen these portable signs or others like them posted around town, and the one thing they have in common is that they are in violation of city codes.

As of now, signs, regardless of message, may not be placed on street signs, utility poles, lamp posts, trees, public property or on the City's right-of-way. Any sign in violation may be removed without notice.

Besides obstructing the driver's view, signs can be a distraction to drivers, or they may blow into the street and cause an accident. Also, the staples and nails left behind are a hazard for workers or they may damage public property.

By limiting signs to private property and keeping them to less than ten square feet (or else a permit is require), helps create signs that are functional, human-scaled and attractive to residents, businesses and visitors. It should also be noted that political signs must be removed within seven days after the election.

The City of Stillwater Development Services Department encourages residents to call (405) 742-8346 for questions concerning sign permits, placement and right-of-way information. Residents may also call if they believe a sign has been install that violates these ordinances or seems to be unsafe.

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