Temporary Signs

FAQs

The following FAQs contain information concerning city code regarding temporary ground signs, including campaign signs.

WHAT IS A TEMPORARY GROUND SIGN?
Temporary ground signs are signs not permanently attached or affixed to the ground and designed to be displayed for a limited period of time. This type of sign includes but is not limited to campaign signs, real estate signs, garage sale signs, balloons, parking bumpers, and any other similar freestanding sign or advertising device.

WHAT IS A RIGHT OF WAY?
Typically, the right of way includes the public sidewalk and all space between the sidewalk and the curb. If you are uncertain where the right of way is on your property call (405) 742-8220 for assistance.

MAY I PLACE SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY?
No. Signs placed in parks, on or adjacent to city-owned property, on public structures (such as traffic signs, utility poles and bus shelters), etc., will be removed.

MAY I PLACE SIGNS ON MY PRIVATE PROPERTY?
Yes. You may place temporary signs in the right of way of your private property, unless it faces State Highway 51 (runs east-west 6th Avenue) or U.S. Highway 177 (runs north-south starting on Washington Street across to Richmond Road and onto Perkins Road).

WHY NOT ON HIGHWAYS?
State law requires that highway rights of way must be clear of all objects, including signs. This Oklahoma law overrides city rules; therefore, all signs—including temporary ones—are not allowed on Highway 51 and Highway 177, which pass through Stillwater's city limits.

WHAT HAPPENS TO SIGNS THAT ARE POSTED ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS?
Signs placed along state highways will be removed by City of Stillwater staff and dropped off at the City of Stillwater Convenience Collection Center, 807 S. Perkins.

CAN OTHER PEOPLE PLACE SIGNS ON MY PROPERTY OR ON MY PROPERTY’S RIGHTS OF WAY?
People may only place signs on your property or rights of way with your permission.

WHAT DO I DO IF SOMEONE PLACES AN UNWANTED SIGN ON MY PROPERTY?
You may remove any unwanted signs from your property.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF SOMEONE REMOVES SIGNS FROM MY PROPERTY?
If someone removes signs from your property, you may call the Stillwater Police Department and report the matter.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?
Contact the City of Stillwater Department of Development Services at (405) 742-8220 or news@stillwater.org.