

Excerpt of City of Aventura Code of Ordinances Section 31-191(k) Temporary signs, regulating political signs

(k)

Temporary signs. Temporary signs shall comply with the following restrictions, conditions, and limitations:

(1)

No placement on right-of-way or other public property. No temporary sign shall be placed on any public right-of-way or on property owned or used by the City.

(2)

Placement of temporary signs; no placement on vacant lot, utility poles, official signs, etc. No temporary sign shall be placed upon any vacant parcel without the written consent of the property owner filed with the City Clerk prior to posting of the sign. No temporary sign shall be placed upon any public utility pole or equipment, tree, traffic control device or structure, bridge, guardrail, or official sign, or held or displayed in a manner which creates an obstruction of a public right-of-way or sidewalk or creates a traffic hazard.

(3)

Bond. Prior to the installation and/or construction of a temporary sign in accordance with this subsection (k), the applicant shall post or cause to be posted with the City Clerk a refundable cash bond in the minimum amount of \$500.00.

(4)

Exemption from bond requirement. Any applicant placing less than four temporary signs not exceeding a size of ten square feet per sign shall be exempt from the requirement of a cash bond. Any candidate for elected office who has satisfied his or her qualifying fee requirement pursuant to the alternate means authorized by F.S. § 99.095 or § 99.0955, (the petition method of qualifying) shall be exempt from the requirement of posting the cash bond.

(5)

Permitted districts; time of posting and removal. Temporary signs shall be permitted in all zoning districts, as provided in this section. Unless otherwise specified below, no temporary sign shall be posted more than 90 days prior to the time of the event to which it relates, or permitted to remain longer than seven days after the event to which it relates. If a person placing a temporary sign fails to remove all temporary signs within the stated timeframe, he or she shall forfeit the refundable cash bond and the City shall remove the sign. The sign removal requirements of this subparagraph do not apply to bumper stickers on vehicles or campaign buttons on people.

(6)

Location near easement or street. No temporary sign shall be placed within five feet of any easement of the property upon which the sign is located. No temporary sign shall be located within ten feet of the edge of the right-of-way. Temporary signs shall be located solely on the property side of the sidewalk if there is a sidewalk unless held by an individual occupying the sidewalk or right-of-way.

(7)

Traffic hazards. No temporary sign shall be located on property in such a manner as to interfere with or present a hazard to the flow of traffic along the streets adjacent to the property upon which the temporary sign is located.

(8)

Responsibility for hazards; responsibility for removal of signs. All property owners shall be responsible for any hazard to the general public which is caused by, or created by reason of, the installation and/or maintenance of the temporary signs on his, her or its property. The property owner shall also be responsible for the timely removal of such signs in accordance with the requirements of subsection (5) of this section. In the event of an announcement by the National Weather Service that the City is under a hurricane watch, the person placing a sign shall remove the sign within 24 hours of the announcement of the hurricane watch. Failure to remove the sign within 24 hours of the announcement shall cause the City to remove the sign in accordance with the provisions of subsection (5) of this section.

(9)

Enforcement. Any temporary sign not posted or removed in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, and any such sign which exists in violation of this section, shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to removal and confiscation by the City. If the City removes the sign, the City Manager or his designee shall deduct the cost and expense of removal from the posted cash bond. The City shall not be responsible for the damage or destruction of any sign which is removed in accordance with this provision.

(10)

Illumination. Temporary signs shall not be illuminated.

(11)

Temporary signs must be posted in accordance with the following tables.

(10)

Political signs (no permit required):

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number (maximum):	One per candidate or issue per lot	One per candidate or issue per lot
Sign area (maximum):	4-1/2 square feet per sign	8 square feet per lot
Sign height (maximum):	Three feet	Six feet
Setback (minimum):	Within five of any easement; ten feet of edge-of-pavement if there is no sidewalk.	Within five of any easement; ten feet of edge-of-pavement if there is no sidewalk.
Length of display:	No more than 90 days prior to date of election or prior to a primary election scheduled prior to such election, whichever is earlier.	No more than 90 days prior to date of election or prior to a primary election scheduled prior to such election, whichever is earlier.
Other restrictions:	Shall be removed seven days after election.	Shall be removed seven days after election.