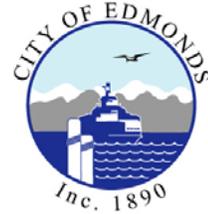


City of Edmonds Development Information



Campaign Signs

General Regulations:

- On-premises campaign signs are permitted as a form of temporary signage in all zones, subject to the maximum sign size limitations set forth in ECDC 20.60.080 (see “On-Premises Temporary Sign Limitations” below).
- Off-premises campaign signs are permitted as a form of temporary signage in the public right-of-way; provided, that the following requirements are met:
 - All campaign signs shall be posted in accordance with the following regulations set forth in ECDC 20.60.080(B). (See “Off-Premises Temporary Signage Regulations” below.)
 - All off-premises campaign signs shall be removed within 10 days after the primary, general, or special election to which they pertain.
 - Off-premises campaign signs shall be posted and displayed no earlier than upon declaration of candidacy in accordance with Chapter 29.15 RCW, or other formal registration or certification of the candidate, party, initiative, referendum or other ballot issue for an upcoming election, or 60 days prior to the election, whichever time period is greater.
- There is no maximum number of off-premises campaign signs that may be posted.

(Source: ECDC 20.60.060 Campaign Signs)

On-Premises Temporary Sign Limitations:

Zone	Maximum Area for Each Attached Sign	Maximum Area for Each Freestanding Sign	Maximum Total Sign Area	Maximum Height for Freestanding Signs	Maximum Height for Attached Signs
RS	6 square feet	6 square feet	6 square feet	6 feet	6 feet
RM	6 square feet	6 square feet	6 square feet	6 feet	6 feet
BN	20 square feet	6 square feet	20 square feet	3 feet	14 feet
BC	20 square feet	6 square feet	20 square feet	3 feet	14 feet
CW	20 square feet	6 square feet	20 square feet	3 feet	14 feet
CG	30 square feet	6 square feet	30 square feet	3 feet	14 feet

(Source: ECDC 20.60.080.A Temporary Signs)

Off-Premises Temporary Signage Regulations:

Off-Premises Temporary Signage. Off-premises temporary signs are allowed in residential and commercial zones, in accordance with the restrictions and standards set forth below:

1. Commercial off-premises temporary signage is prohibited, except for real estate signs as permitted by ECDC 20.60.065; provided, that such off-premises real estate signs shall be posted, displayed, and removed as provided for in that section, in addition to the provisions of subsections (B)(5) through (9) of this section.
2. Noncommercial off-premises signs are permitted in the public right-of-way; provided, that the posting and display of off-premises signs in the public right-of-way shall require a street use permit where required pursuant to Chapter 18.70 ECDC. NOTE: Campaign and Real estate signs do NOT require a Right of Way Permit.
3. Maximum duration of display for all temporary off-premises signs is a cumulative of 60 days in any calendar year, except as otherwise provided in ECDC 20.60.060 for campaign signs. Display may be continuous or intermittent, except as otherwise provided in this section.
4. Except for campaign signs as provided in ECDC 20.60.060, all off-premises noncommercial signs relating to a specific meeting, event, or occurrence shall be removed within 48 hours following the conclusion of the meeting, event, or occurrence to which they relate.
5. Only portable freestanding signs may be used as temporary off-premises signage; provided, that the following types of portable freestanding signs are prohibited from use as an off-premises sign:
 - a. Signs with a vehicular chassis or support with or without wheels;
 - b. Posters and banners;
 - c. Signs mounted upon vehicles;
 - d. Searchlights;
 - e. Inflatables.
6. Maximum number of allowed off-premises signs to be displayed simultaneously shall be one sign per sign poster except as provided in ECDC 20.60.060 for campaign signs.
7. Maximum allowable sign area for all temporary off-premises freestanding signs is six square feet.
8. Maximum allowable sign height for all permitted off-premises signs is three feet.
9. All off-premises temporary signage shall be posted and displayed in accordance with the following restrictions:
 - a. Off-premises signs may not be placed in any portion of the public right-of-way typically used by motor vehicles in a lawful manner.
 - b. Off-premises signs shall be placed so as not to impede pedestrian, bicycle, or handicapped travel or access.
 - c. Off-premises signs shall not be posted in a manner or location which impairs traffic safety by unreasonably blocking line of sight at intersections.
 - d. Off-premises signs shall be constructed of suitable material and design to adequately withstand the reasonably expected normal or average weather conditions during the intended display period of the sign.
 - e. Off-premises signs shall be regularly inspected to ensure that they have not been damaged or destroyed by natural forces or vandalism. Damaged and destroyed signs shall be immediately removed or repaired so as to avoid threats to public health and safety or the accumulation of unclaimed refuse upon the public rights-of-way.
 - f. Off-premises signs shall not be posted upon public property other than the public right-of-way, and shall further not be posted within or upon planter boxes and flower beds within the publicly maintained landscaped portions of the public right-of-way.

Definitions:

“Campaign sign” is a temporary sign displaying a message relating to a candidate, political party, or issue that is registered or certified for an upcoming election.

“On-premises sign” is any sign that advertises or relates to a good, product, service, event, or meeting that is lawfully permitted to be offered, sold, traded, provided, or conducted at the location or premises upon which the sign is posted or displayed. On-premises signs also include signs not related to any particular location or premises, such as signs displaying religious, charitable, cultural, governmental, informational, political, educational, or artistic messages that are intentionally displayed by the owner of the property or premises upon which the sign is displayed.

“Off-premises sign” is any sign that advertises or relates to a good, product, service, event, or meeting, that is offered, sold, traded, provided, or conducted at some location or premises other than that upon which the sign is posted or displayed. Off-premises signs include all signs posted or displayed in the public right-of-way.

“Premises” is the actual physical area of the lot upon which a sign is posted or displayed, except within the boundaries of the BC or BD zone in the downtown activity center as defined in the comprehensive plan, where “premises” shall include any portion of the public sidewalk that fronts upon the lot.

Note: This information should not be used as a substitute for City codes and regulations. The Edmonds Community Development Code (ECDC) may be viewed at www.edmondswa.gov. The applicant is responsible for ensuring compliance with the fees and regulations that are applicable at the time of submittal. If you have a specific question about a certain aspect of your project, please contact the Planning Division at 121 Fifth Avenue North, (425) 771-0220. Please note that other local, state, and/or federal permits or approvals may be required.