



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk

From: Susana Alonso, Principal Town Planner

Subject: Political Campaign Signs and Flags

Date: July 25, 2022

Following are the basic requirements from the Land Development Code (LDC) for political campaign signage.

Time limitations - Political campaign signs and flags may be placed up to 90 days before an election, and must be removed within seven days following the election. This means that for the November 2022 General Election, signs may be placed no earlier than August 10, 2022, and must be removed no later than November 15, 2022.

Number and placement – Political Signs and Flags in residential areas are limited to one political campaign sign per candidate or issue on the ballot, and one political flag per property. Signs must be set back 10 feet from the front property line and five feet from all other property lines. *Signs may not be placed in the right-of-way, which includes both public and private streets.* Generally, signs may not be attached to trees, utility poles, fences or similar, nor may fences or walls be painted to form a political sign. However, where a property directly abuts a roadway and there is a fence or wall on the property line, a sign may be attached to a pole or similar apparatus such that the sign is high enough to be visible above the fence or wall. Signs may not be placed so as to constitute a danger to public safety (i.e. interfering with the ability of a driver to see oncoming traffic). Political Campaign Flags, as all flags, must be mounted on a properly installed and permitted flag pole.

Size and height - Political campaign signs are limited to a maximum of four square feet, including any "frame" around the sign. In residential areas, signs may be no more than two feet high, measured from grade to the top of the sign. Outside residential areas, signs may be no more than ten feet high, measured from grade to the top of the sign. However, notwithstanding these restrictions, signs may be placed high enough to be visible above a fence or wall, as noted in the section above.

Permitting and general provisions - No permit is required for political signs of a temporary nature, so long as the sign will not be electrically illuminated. If the sign will be illuminated, permits must be obtained for the illumination. Signs may not contain any lewd or lascivious material. Responsibility for compliance with these regulations lies with the candidate or the promoters of any ballot initiative campaign (for or against, as applicable).

Please note that homeowner's associations, or restrictive covenants, may have more stringent rules. Property owners should also check those requirements, where applicable.