

This pamphlet was created to answer many of the questions people ask City staff about temporary signs in Greenville.

The sign ordinance is part of the City Code and can be found online at greenvillenc.gov.

If you have any questions about the sign ordinance, please contact Community Development at 252.329.4498.

If you have questions about enforcement of the sign ordinance (including citations), contact Code Enforcement at 252.329.4110.

Code Enforcement is a division of the City of Greenville's Police Department.

The Code Enforcement Unit exists to enhance the quality of life and protect the health, safety, and welfare of OUR community.

Contact us

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Temporary Signage



CODE ENFORCEMENT

What are temporary signs?

Temporary signs are any portable advertising signs which attract public attention to an event or products sold and are not permanently affixed to anything.

What are exempt signs?

These are signs not requiring a permit or zoning approval.

What are the square footage regulations for real estate signs?

The total allowable square footage for residential real estate signs is 12 sq. ft.

The total allowable square footage for commercial real estate signs is 50 sq. ft.

What signs do not require a building permit or zoning approval?

Some examples of these types of signs are memorial plaques, residential identification, government signs, nonprofit balloons, flags, insignia, Election signs, Holiday signs, signs permanently attached to vehicles, construction signs and real estate signs.

Are temporary signs entitled to a legally nonconforming status?

No, temporary signs are not entitled to any nonconforming or "grandfathered" status.

What are the prohibited signs and the exceptions?

Some examples of signs not allowed are:

- kites,
- signs suspended between two structures or poles,
- revolving signs,
- flashing signs except time and temperature,
- pinwheels,
- flags exceeding 100 sq. ft. and windmills or other devices.

Balloons and spotlights are prohibited except as described in the ordinance.

What special event signs are allowed and what are the time limits for them?

"Grand Opening" signs and holiday signs shall be removed ten (10) days after the event.

What are the square footage coverage limits for windows and doors?

The limits are 255 sq. ft. of both windows and doors.

Are flags allowed?

Temporary freestanding flags and wind blades are not permitted. Flags with or without commercial messages that are located on functioning light poles internal to the business lot shall be no more than 50 square feet in area.

There is no limitation on the number permitted per lot.

Flags attached to permanent flag poles shall be permitted as follows:

1. Flags without commercial messages are limited to 100 square feet in area;
2. Flags with commercial messages are limited to 50 square feet in area;
3. Only one permanent flagpole is permitted per lot.

Are windsocks permitted?

No, windsocks are not allowed.