

The City of Greenville Guide to Understanding Temporary Signs

Definitions

[Sec 9-4-222]

Temporary Sign: Any portable advertising sign which attracts the public attention to an event or specific products sold. Such signs include the following:

- Signs made of paper, cloth, polyethylene film.
- Signs not permanently affixed to the ground or building surface as approved by the building inspector.
- Trailer signs
- Balloons exception 9-4-227
- Portable signs
- Banners, flags and other similar materials

No Permits required (Exempt Signs):

[Sec 9-4-227]

- a. Residential signs- noncommercial Purpose, e.g. address or identification **3 sq. ft.** limit.
- b. Memorial plaques
- c. On-premises signs with a governmental purpose
- d. On premises governmental or nonprofit balloons, flags, Insignia
- e. Architectural features of a bldg.
- f. Directional signs on property, e.g. signs for restroom, exits, parking **3 sq. ft.** limit
- g. Signs permanently attached to a licensed motor vehicle.

Exempt signs cont'd

h. Certain temporary signs

- Election signs
- Holiday signs remove **10 days** after event
- Construction identification signs
- Interior bldg signs with no more than **25% coverage of windows or doors.** Painted signs are not temporary.
- **Temporary non illuminated real estate signs** provided:
 - **12 sq. ft. area limit residential zones**
 - **50 sq. ft. area limit commercial**
- Other temporary (commercial) signs
- Not more than one sign per lot
- **6 sq. ft.** area limit
- Only applicable to commercial zones

Special provisions for certain signs

[Sec 9-4-233]

k. Temporary on-premises special event Spotlights and Roof Mounted Inflated Balloons:

- **Restrictions for spotlights**
 - a. No more than one spotlight per lot.
 - Two (2) consecutive day limit
 - Display limited to 20 days in one year
- **Roof mounted Inflatable balloons**
 - Restrictions same as spotlights

Signs Not Allowed (Prohibited Signs)

[Sec 9-4-237]

- a. Kites
- b. Balloons except as described.
- c. Spotlights except as described.
- d. **Flags exceeding 100sq ft commercial use**
- e. Temporary signs except as described
- f. Attached signs to radio/TV towers or poles
- g. Suspended signs between two structures or poles
- h. Roof signs except as described.
- i. Revolving signs
- j. Flashing signs except time and temperature
- k. Strings, ribbons, tinsels, small flags
- l. Pinwheels, windmills, or other devices

Nonconforming Signs. [Section 9-4-225]

(f.) All temporary signs existing on the effective date (November 13, 1986) of this article which do not conform to the requirements...shall be removed...