

***Sammamish Municipal Code***  
***21A.45.120 Signs of Limited Duration***

**Location**

- Political signs may be displayed on private property with the consent of the property owner;
- Political signs may be displayed within public easements or streets; provided, that signs shall not be located within the center median of principal, minor, and collector arterials (as defined) or within roundabouts, traffic circles, or islands;
- Political signs located pursuant to subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii) of this section shall not obstruct sight distances as prescribed by Chapter 14.01 SMC, Public Works Standards Adopted, or by SMC 21A.25.220, Sight distance requirements.

**Specifications**

- Political signs located on private property may have a maximum sign area of up to 32 square feet;
- Freestanding political signs on private property may be up to eight feet tall;
- Political signs located on or within public easements or streets may have a maximum sign area of up to four square feet and may be up to three feet tall above grade;
- Political signs located within 15 feet of a street corner or driveway, as further identified in Chapter 14.01 SMC, Public Works Standards Adopted, or by SMC 21A.25.220, Sight distance requirements, shall be further limited in sign area and height as necessary to satisfy sight distance limitations;

**Removal**

- Political signs shall be removed within seven days following the election\*;
- Property owners shall be responsible for the removal of political signs located on private property;
- The campaign officer or responsible official shall be responsible for the removal of political signs located on or within public easements or streets.

\*From the date election results are certified.



# Political Sign Standards

## **Political Signs and the Law**

The City of Sammamish attempts to balance the right of political advertising with the need for public safety and community aesthetics. As a way to meet this balance, Sammamish has:

- Prohibited the posting of political campaign signs in medians and roundabouts, while allowing them in planting strips alongside roadways.
- Provided for safety when a sign is located near a roadway intersection or private driveway by not allowing signs that block a driver's view of the road.
- Established sign limits.

## **Signs on other city property or fronting city property**

In an attempt to avoid any indication of political preference, the city removes all political signs in planting strips adjacent to city-owned land. This includes City Hall, parks and storm water facilities.

## **Signs in front of, or on, the property of other government agencies**

The city is proud to be served by:

Lake Washington School District

Issaquah School District

King County Library Systems

NE Sammamish Water and Sewer

Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer

METRO Transit

The city does not regulate (other than within the right of way) the placement of signs on, or in front of property owned by these local agencies. However, those wishing to post political signs in such locations are encouraged to contact the agencies directly.

## **Signs not meeting standards**

Signs that violate these rules are removed and the appropriate campaign office will be notified by email or phone. The campaign will have three business days to pick up the signs at City Hall (801 228th Ave SE). Signs will be discarded if not picked up within the allotted time frame or if the campaign offices are unreachable.



**POLITICAL SIGNS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN MEDIANS**



**POLITICAL SIGNS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ROUNDABOUTS**

**Questions? Contact City Hall at 425-295-0547**