

## Political Signs General Information

### **Section 156.23 (A) (3) - Temporary Signs In Public Right-Of-Way-Political Signs**

Temporary signs may be posted on property in all zones of the city, subject to the following requirements and those applicable provisions states elsewhere in this chapter:

Temporary political signs may be placed in the right-of-way as follows:

- The maximum number of signs allowed in the right-of-way for a city-wide candidate or ballot issue is fifty (50), and for a district candidate are twenty five (25).
- Political signs may not exceed eight (8) square feet in size.
- Signs may be erected ninety (90) days prior to the election for which they are intended and must be removed within seven (7) days after the election.
- Requires a permit and will be issued by Development Services Department. See link for application: <https://rrnm.gov/2326/Planning-and-Zoning-Division-Forms-Fees>

### **Section 156.22 (C) (1) & (2) – Temporary Signs in Residential Zones (Private Property)**

- The total square footage for temporary signs posted on a lot in a residential signs district, in the aggregate, shall not exceed 32 square feet.
- No individual sign shall exceed eight square feet and six feet in height if freestanding.

### **Section 156.22 (D) ( 2– 4)– Temporary Signs in Commercial Zones (Private Property)**

- The total square footage for temporary signs posted on a lot in all commercial (non-residential) sign districts, in the aggregate shall not exceed 64 square feet.
- Development located on a single parcel 20 or more acres in size may post signage that does not in the aggregate exceed 128 square feet.
- No individual sign shall exceed 32 square feet.
- See Appendix B for additional stipulations as to type, size, and number of signs permitted.

### **General Provisions (156.22 (B) (1-6)**

- A temporary sign may be posted only with the consent of the property owner or occupant.
- All temporary signs must be constructed and designed of materials durable enough to withstand the elements to which the sign is to be subjected. No temporary sign shall be illuminated or painted with light-reflecting paint.
- No additions, tag sign streamers, attention-getting devices or other appurtenances shall be attached to any temporary sign.
- No temporary signs shall be located in the clear sight triangle, obstruct or impair access to a public sidewalk, a public or private street or driveway, traffic control sign, bus stop, fire hydrant, or any other type of street furniture, or otherwise create a hazard, including a tripping hazard.

- Signs in the right-of-way may not be posted on medians, trees, utility poles, or other utility structures. The right-of-way is the public property adjacent to a roadway, excluding medians, which is under the jurisdiction of the City of Rio Rancho.
- *Nuisances.* If any temporary sign becomes a nuisance as defined elsewhere in the City Code of Ordinances, such signs may be subject to removal, relocation, or other actions to eliminate the nuisance.

No signs may be placed in the medians or the right-of-way under State of New Mexico jurisdiction; NMSR 528, 550, 448, etc.



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**Political Sign Permit**

**Fees**

\$30.00 per permit, with a maximum of two (2) permits per year  
 \$1.00 per sign, with a maximum of 50 signs for city wide or ballot issues and 25 signs for a district candidate

**Election**

Primary     General     Bond     Date of Election: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidacy Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Permits: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Signs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Other): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email/Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Agent**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Other): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email/Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important!**

Provide a drawing showing the dimensions, words, and symbols to be placed on the sign, on the back of this application.

I have read the information provided in the Temporary Political Sign Permit application and understand and shall comply with the requirements stated therein.

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only**

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Stickers Issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fee Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_