

Temporary Sign Regulations



Prohibited Signs

- No Signs are permitted in the median or roadway.
- No signs are permitted on utility poles.
- No sign that obstructs sight distance of motorists.
- No Signs which move, rotate, flutters or moves in any way, whether by natural, electrical or mechanical means, including banners, flags, propellers and similar devices.
- No Signs that are illuminated by flashing or intermittent lights, lights of changing degrees of intensity, or rotating lights, except signs indicating time and/or temperature.
- No Balloons, blimps or similar types of lighter-than-air objects.
- Portable signs, including any sign displayed on or painted on vehicles or trailers used primarily for the purpose of attracting attention.
- Any sign not located on the premises for which it advertises.
- Any temporary sign or banner that has not received approval from Town of Garner Planning Department.
- Any sign or portion thereof placed into or overhanging any road way.
- No sign is allowed to extend above the roofline or be placed upon any roof surface.



Signs Allowed Without a Permit

- Directional Real Estate signs no more than 4 square feet in size and posted only from Friday at 6:00pm until Sunday at 8:00pm. Such signs shall be located no less than four feet from the back of curb, and shall not interfere with clear sight triangles at driveways or intersections.
- Non-illuminated temporary signs which advertise the sale, rental or lease of the premises upon which the sign is located, limited to 5 square feet in total area for residential uses and 32 square feet in total area for commercial and industrial properties. Can not be placed within in the median or roadway and can not obstruct sight distance of motorists. One sign per street frontage and maximum of six (6) feet in height.
- Sign advertising a special event such as a fair, carnival, BBQ, garage/yard sale or other similar happening provided the following conditions are met:
 - * Signs are not erected more than two weeks prior to the event and must be removed 3 days after the event.
 - * Signs shall be placed no closer than ten (10) feet back from the curb line or edge of pavement.
 - * Signs can not be placed on utility poles or in street medians
 - * Signs shall not exceed 3 feet in height and 9 square feet in total area.



How to Comply with Town of Garner Temporary Sign Requirements

- Simply apply for a permit, place the sign on the property in which it is advertising and remove the sign at its 30 day expiration date and the sign will not be in violation.
- Applications for temporary sign permit are available at www.garnernc.gov and at the Planning Department. Upon receiving approval for temporary sign permit, a validation sticker will be provided to be placed upon the sign to ensure that an approved application is on file with the Town of Garner.
- A Temporary Sign Permit allows for a sign to be posted for 30 days for a maximum of 3 times a year. The sign can not exceed 32 square feet in sign area. Examples of temporary signs are as follows: Grand Opening, Sale, Construction ID, Now Open, Food Specials, Karaoke Night, etc.
- Construction site identification signs; Subdivision signs on private property directing to the development. Agricultural signage is permitted on private property.
- If unsure whether the sign you proposed to install requires a permit please call the Town of Garner Planning Department at 919-773-4449 before the sign is fabricated and/or installed.
- **NOTE: Applying for a sign permit does not constitute an approval. Review of the sign, dimensions, as well as other criteria must be completed and receipt of approval by the Town of Garner is required prior to installation or fabrication of any sign.**

Political Signs - contact the Planning Department at 919-773-4449 for deposit amount and guidelines for placement.



The Planning Department will conduct sign sweeps 2 days a week and on weekends. Public Works will continue its current sign enforcement program with daily sweeps.

After each enforcement sweep, Staff will prepare an inventory list of all signs collected on that day. All collected signs will be stored at Public Works. Weekly, the offenders will be advised of their sign violation.

Signs will not be returned until the offender pays a *\$5.00 violation fee per sign* and sign a statement acknowledging the posting of that sign was a violation of the Town's sign ordinance. Repeated violations by the same individuals will be turned over to the Town Attorney for additional remedies.

The Planning Department will issue sign permit stickers that are required to be placed on the approved temporary signs as part of the permit issuance process to aid personnel in the field to determine if a sign has been permitted.

Copies of the Town's Sign Ordinance and guidelines on how to comply will be freely and readily distributed by Town Planning Staff.



Sign Ordinance Enforcement Procedures

- Weekly sign sweeps involving the Planning, Public Works and Inspections Departments.
- Weekend sign sweeps involving Planning and Public Works Departments.
- Temporary signs that require a permit will be given a "sticker", once the sign permit has been approved, to be placed on the temporary sign. This sticker will help aid personnel in the field to determine if a sign has been permitted. If a sign is installed without a "sticker" the sign will be pulled.
- If a sign is installed without a permit or is a prohibited sign and personnel in the field determines the sign can not be easily pulled, the Planning department will notify the offender of their sign violation. Offenders will have a time period to remove the sign. If the sign is not removed within the time period they are subject to a violation fine.
- If a sign is installed without a permit or is a prohibited sign and personnel in the field pull the sign, the signs will be taken back to the Public Works facility for pick up. Signs will not be returned until the offender pays a *\$5.00 violation fee per sign* and signs a statement acknowledging the posting of that sign was a violation of the Town's sign ordinance.
- Repeated violations by the same individuals will be turned over to the Town Attorney for additional remedies.

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