

MEMORANDUM

TO: Candidates for Public Office in 2009

FROM: Brad Bass, AICP
Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Political Sign Requirements

DATE: July 31, 2009

As general information for you, please be aware there are several requirements regarding political signs in Garner. There are standards regarding the placement of political signs along road frontages and on private property. Also, there are dimensional requirements regarding the height and size of political signs. At the direction of the Town Council, since November 2008 staff has conducted weekly general sign enforcement sweeps throughout the community including occasional weekend enforcement.

Attached you will find a handout listing requirements of the Town of Garner Unified Development Ordinance regarding political signs including illustrations for sign placement. In addition signs should be located outside of sight distance triangles at street intersections. Please note that a \$200 cash or bond deposit must be posted with the Town prior to placement of political signs in the community. The bond or cash deposit will be returned upon satisfactory removal of signage.

Sight distance standards (triangle). To ensure that landscape materials do not constitute a traffic hazard, a triangle will be observed at all intersections of driveways/streets with adjacent streets. These sight triangles shall be kept clear of any such visual obstructions between two and one-half feet and ten feet in height.

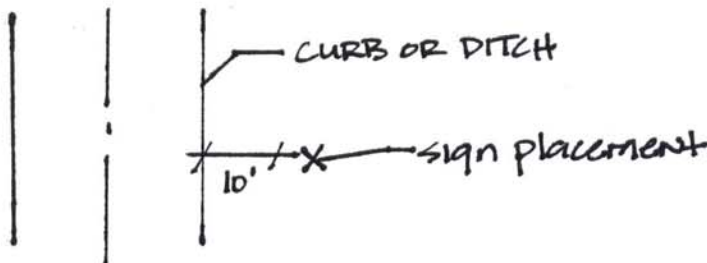
If you have any questions, please feel free to call Hardin Watkins, Town Manager or Brad Bass, Planning Director at 919-772-4688.

c: Hardin Watkins
Town Manager

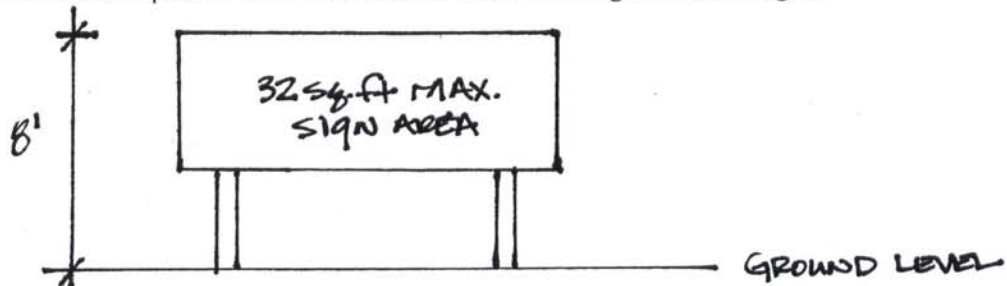
Posting of Political Signage

Political signs erected in connection with elections or political campaigns are permitted under the following conditions:

- Political signs in the vicinity of a polling place for a period not exceeding 24 hours preceding the opening of the local polls; such signs shall be removed within 24 hours following the closing of local polls.
- All political signs shall be removed from the public street right-of-way within seven days after the election day. A political sign shall not be permitted in a sight distance triangle.
- Political signs shall not be erected or posted until the candidate filing deadline date for the applicable national, state, or local office, including primary elections. Prior to the erection of any political sign, the candidate, or authorized representative shall post a bond or cash deposit in the amount of \$200.00 with the Planning Department to guarantee the private removal of political signs. The bond or cash deposit will be returned upon removal of signage. The bond or cash deposit may be returned only upon satisfactory removal of such signs according to the time requirements as specified herein. All political signs shall be removed from the public street right-of-way within seven days after the election day.
- Signs shall be placed no closer than ten (10) feet off the curb or ditch.



- Signs shall not be placed on any utility poles, tree on public property, or in any street median.
- No sign shall exceed 32 square feet in total area or more than eight feet in height.



- Such signs on private property shall conform to these regulations.

Please contact the Town of Garner Planning Department with any questions. 919-772-4688