

## Temporary Sign Regulations

- **Signs may not be placed on utility poles or within any public street right-of-way.**
  - o Along primary roadways, the area behind the utility poles is usually outside of the right-of-way, but that is not always the case. In particular, intersection areas often have irregular rights-of-way that are wider than may be assumed. When in question, this should be verified with the city prior to sign placement.
  - o The permission of the property owner should always be obtained before placing a sign on any private property.
- **In business and manufacturing zones, the maximum temporary sign size is 32 square feet and the maximum total sign height from the ground is 10 feet. (For reference, a sheet of plywood is 32 SF in size.)**
  - o No more than one temporary sign per establishment is allowed to be placed on the lot. An “establishment” is a commercial building, or in the case of a commercial plaza, an individual tenant unit. Vacant commercial lots are permitted one temporary sign.
- **In residential and agricultural zones (which include the majority of areas where houses are located), the maximum sign size is six square feet and the maximum total sign height from the ground is four feet (roughly the size and height of a typical residential real estate sign).**
  - o No more than one temporary sign is allowed to be placed on a lot.
- **Other temporary signs that are prohibited by ordinance (contact city for further details if in question):**
  - o Illuminated, inflatable, and/or mechanically operated signs (utilizing lights, fans, etc).
  - o Vehicle and/or trailer signs (does not apply to signs on vehicles that are being used for typical transportation purposes)
  - o Circulars, flyers, or handbills placed on vehicles, etc.

**The complete sign ordinance may be reviewed in Section 27 of “Appendix A” (Zoning) in the Hartselle Code of Ordinances**