

# CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE

## ARTICLE XIII. POLITICAL SIGNS

### **Sec. 3-131. Scope of Article - definition of political sign.**

Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter to the contrary, the provisions of this Article shall govern the use and placement of political signs. "Political signs" shall mean any sign which supports or opposes the candidacy of any candidate for public office or urges action on any other issue on the ballot of a primary, general or special election.

(Ord. No. 9332, 2-27-90; Ord. No. 12188; §1, 12-2-08)

### **Sec. 3-132. Political signs regulated.**

Political signs with a sign area of more than thirty-two (32) square feet shall be subject to the provisions of the Chapter governing off-premise signs, provided that any political signs at a campaign headquarters shall be governed as on-premise signs. Political signs with a sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet or less shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(a) No such political sign less than 36 inches in height may be placed closer than five (5) feet or (10) feet if greater than thirty-six (36) inches to the closest edge of the pavement or curb of any public or private street.

(b) No such political sign may be placed closer than twenty-five (25) feet to the closest edge of the pavement or curb of two (2) public or private streets.

(c) No person shall paste, paint, print, rope, bill, nail or pin any sign or any advertisement or notice of any kind whatsoever or cause the same to be done, on any curbstone, or in any portion of part of any sidewalk or street, tree, lamppost, telephone or telegraph pole, awning, porch or balcony or upon any other structure in the limits of any street or public right-of-way in the City including but not limited to any divided roadway median, traffic island and/or traffic circle/roundabout, except such as may be required by this Code or other City ordinance.

(d) No such political sign may be placed upon or attached in any way to any tree, fence, fence post, utility pole, light pole or rock.

(e) All such political signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) days after the election to which they refer has been held. Such signs erected for a primary election may remain only if they continue to be valid for the next general election.

(f) The Office of the Building Official or the Traffic Engineer may order the removal or relocation of any such sign which may constitute a hazard to the public traveling on public streets.

(Ord. No. 9332, 2-27-90; Ord. No. 10278, § 12, 8-15-95; Ord. No. 12188, §1, 12-2-08)