

The City of Collegedale would like to congratulate you on your candidacy! Below you will find a summary of what is permitted where political signage is concerned. Our Sign Ordinance was established by the Collegedale Board of Commissioners and if you need further assistance, please contact our Building & Codes Department at 423-468-1868. Our staff would be happy to help you.



Political Signs

Signs may be placed on privately owned property with the consent of the property owner

Sign Permit is not required

Size of political signs is as follows:

Non-Residential District:

Height and Area:

1. For lots with less than fifty (50) feet of frontage, the maximum sign area is twenty (20) square feet and the maximum sign height is six (6) feet.
2. For lots with more than fifty (50) feet of frontage, the maximum sign area is thirty (30) square feet with a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

Residential District:

Height & Area

1. No sign may exceed six (6) feet in height, nor shall it be situated so the sign or any part thereof exceeds six (6) feet in height above grade at the sign's base.
2. The maximum sign area may not exceed nine (9) square feet per sign, with a total of eighteen (18) square feet for a double sided sign.

Signs not maintained or in public rights-of-way are subject to removal by the Codes Enforcement Officer

For informational purposes, page 2 is a list of prohibited signs in all zoning districts:

Prohibited In All Zoning Districts:

The following shall be prohibited for use as signs:

- A. Bench Signs;
- B. Freestanding Canopy with Signs;
- C. Government-imitation Signs;
- D. Air-activated devices, streamers, tethered balloons or other inflatable signs or figures, except as authorized by this Ordinance;
- E. Mechanical Signs;
- F. Parked-vehicle signs (including but not limited to: Trucks, cars, planes, boats, semi-truck trailers, military equipment, etc.);
- G. Roof Signs, including signs painted on roofs;
- H. Searchlights;
- I. Signs erected in a public right-of-way, except for those placed by or on behalf of a governmental entity;
- J. Signs interfering or blocking the sight of directional, instructional, or warning signs;
- K. Signs on natural features such as trees, other vegetation, and rocks;
- L. Banners (except as otherwise specified within this Chapter;
- M. Signs attached to utility poles, or bridges;
- N. Snipe signs;
- O. Any sign which is portable or not securely attached to a building or to the ground (sand bags, rocks, guide wires, tape, stakes, fence posts, chains, and staples are not considered a form of secure attachment);
- P. Information boxes larger than 12 inches by 14 inches and 3 inches in depth when erected alone or placed on sign structure;
- Q. Any sign which exhibits statements, words or pictures of an obscene or pornographic nature;
- R. Any sign with moving parts, flashing or blinking lights, animation or sound emitting devices (excluding two-way communication devices used solely for such two-way communication);
- S. Exposed neon and LED that is visible is prohibited for signs and shall not be incorporated into the design of a principal or accessory structure (this does not apply to electronically controlled operated message boards which operate primarily for the purpose of giving time, temperature, public service information);
- T. Flags, except as permitted in this Chapter;
- U. Trash receptacle signs;
- V. Pendants;
- W. Off Premise Signs except those erected by a municipality for the purpose of identifying government facilities, and/or the conveyance of directional or other information for the public benefit; and
- X. "Cabinet Signs" including those mounted on buildings, and freestanding cabinet signs that do not have a decorative surround as provided within this Chapter.
- Y. Portable Signs