

POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

SKAMANIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Requirements for the Placement of Campaign Signs within County Road Right-of-Way.

The following guidelines are temporary only, and are designed to treat all candidate the same while maintaining public safety on our roads.

- (1) Signs may be placed after a permit has been issued. The permit can be obtained from the Skamania County Public Works office and is free of charge.
- (2) Maximum sign size is 30" x 30".
- (3) Signs can be no closer than 10 feet from the edge of the road.
- (4) Signs cannot be placed closer than 100' from a private driveway unless the landowner approves the placement.
- (5) Only four signs per mile (two in each direction).
- (6) Signs cannot block traffic control visibility, and no political signs can be placed on traffic signpost (utility poles, etc.).
- (7) Signs and support posts must be erected so that they do not adversely impact banks and ditches of the road (i.e. something that causes more erosion than would be normal).
- (8) No political signs are allowed with-in Forest Service owned property boundaries (example: Wind River Rd., Oklahoma Road beyond Lava Creek Bridge, Government Mineral Springs Road).
- (9) Utility poles are the property of the utility company and permission must also be obtained from the utility company to place signs on utility poles.
- (10) It is the responsibility of the permittee to remove signs no more than 15 days following conclusion of the campaign. Special attention should be given in removal of signposts, filling postholes, and rejuvenating the right-of-way.

We hope that these guidelines will not seem oppressive to you. They are an attempt at uniformity and public safety. If you have any questions, please feel free to call and we'll be glad to help in any way possible.



CITY OF STEVENSON POLITICAL SIGNAGE REGULATIONS

As election season nears, the City of Stevenson encourages you to be politically active. Often there is no better way to advocate for your preferred candidate or stance than to put up a sign. When you do, please be mindful that the City has regulations governing the time, place, and manner in which these signs can be displayed. This hand-out will help you comply with the City's regulations and ensure your voice is heard in the election. **Failure to comply will result in nuisance enforcement and/or removal of non-compliant signs.**

SIGNAGE ALLOWED BY ZONE

	Maximum Sign Size	Total Signage Allowed	Maximum Sign Height	Duration After Election	Allowed Location
C1 Commercial (Downtown)	50 sqft	160 sqft on vacant land 15% of building façade area	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way
CR Commercial Recreation	40 sqft	80 sqft on vacant land 10% of building façade area	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way
PR Public Use & Recreation	40 sqft	80 sqft on vacant land 5% of building façade area	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way
M1 Light Industrial	32 sqft	80 sqft on vacant land 5% of building façade area	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way
R3 Multi-Family Residential	12 sqft	40 sqft	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way
R2 Two-Family Residential	5 sqft	32 sqft	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way
R1 Single Family Residential	5 sqft	32 sqft	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way
SR Suburban Residential	5 sqft	32 sqft	6 ft	5 Days	Private Property Only <u>Prohibited</u> in Right of Way

EXAMPLES

Acceptable

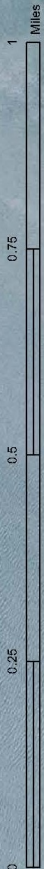
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C1 Commercial (Downtown)



SR, R1, and R2 Residential





SR

R3

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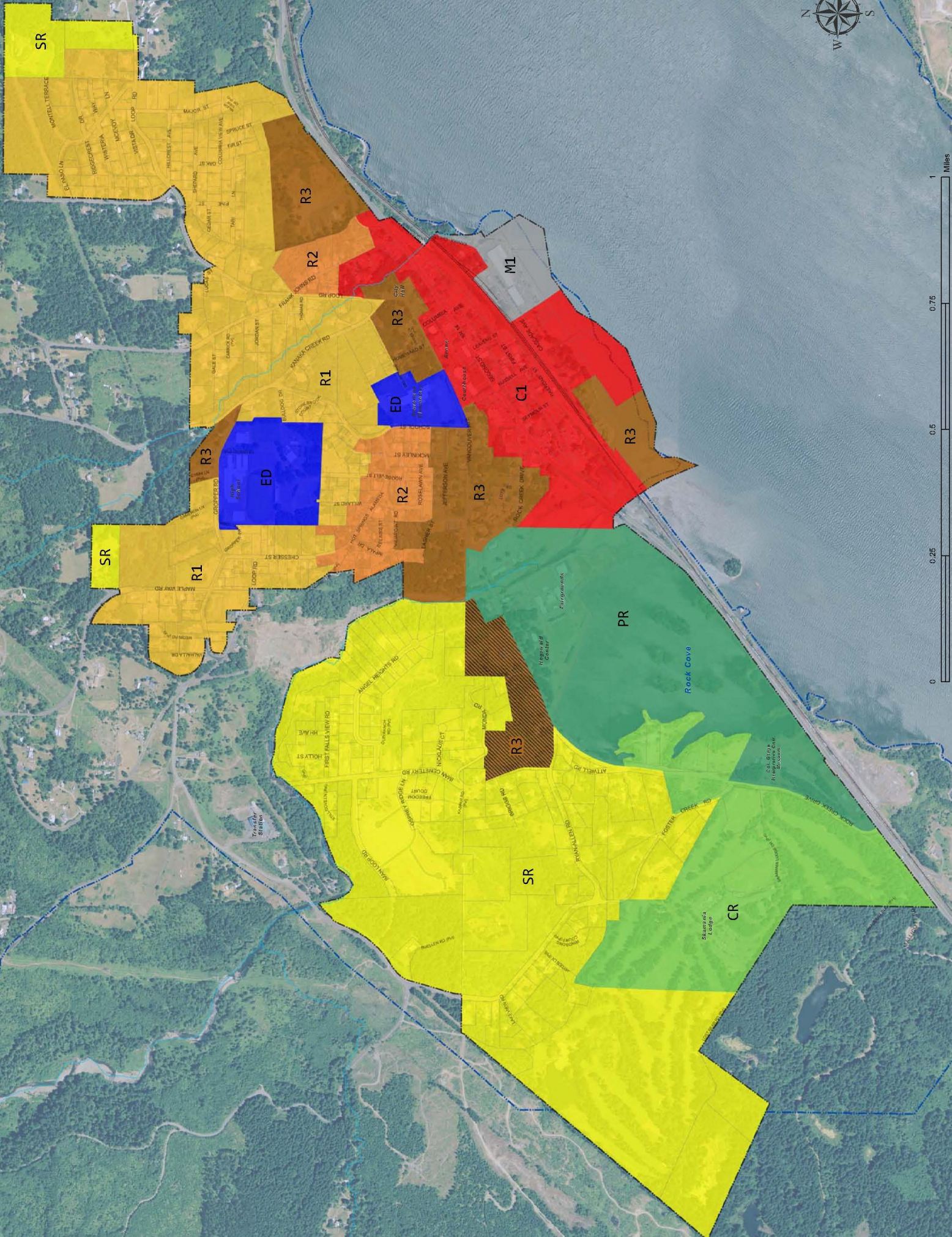
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CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 1104

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12.14
SIGNAGE ON CITY RIGHT OF WAYS.

WHEREAS, recent court rulings regarding regulation of signage makes it necessary to update sections of the City Municipal Code, and;

WHEREAS, the City of North Bonneville, after careful consideration and study, has determined that amending the regulation of signage on city right of ways is necessary to comply with these requirements, and;

WHEREAS, clarification and revision of other sections of this chapter is also desired, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

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 Old language deleted = ~~strikethrough~~

Amending

CHAPTER 12.14 Temporary Signage On City Right Of Ways as follows:

Sections:

- 12.14.010 Permit required**
- 12.14.020 Application for permit**
- 12.14.030 Sign size and number allowances**
- 12.14.040 Revocation of permit**
- 12.14.050 Display of signs without a permit**
- ~~12.14.060 Political Campaign Signs~~**

12.14.010 Permit required.

Banners and signs may be displayed on city right of ways with a valid sign permit.

12.14.020 Application for permit

To obtain a sign permit for display of temporary signs, the applicant shall file an application in writing on a form furnished by City. The applicant's submittal shall include the proposed number, dimensions, design, locations and proposed duration of each sign and other information as requested by the city.

12.14.030 Sign size and number allowances.

No more than ~~three~~ five temporary signs including banners are allowed under a sign permit. All signs and banners shall be free standing. Signs ~~excluding banners~~ shall be no larger than 18-inches by 24-inches and must be located on ~~the city's bulletin board and/or~~ approved designations. Banners shall be no larger than 32 square feet and shall be approved for specific location and duration.

12.14.040 Revocation of permit.

The city reserves the right to revoke permits for signs on city right of ways at any time.

12.14.050 Display of temporary signs without a permit.

Display of signs on city right of ways without a permit may result in immediate removal.

12.14.060 ~~Political Campaign Signs.~~

~~No political campaign signs shall be posted on city right of ways.~~

~~"Political campaign sign" means a sign which announces, promotes or advertises the name, program or political party of any candidate for public office, or an opinion regarding a public referendum regarding some political issue in an upcoming election.~~

Section 2.

Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 3.

Effective Date and Publication.

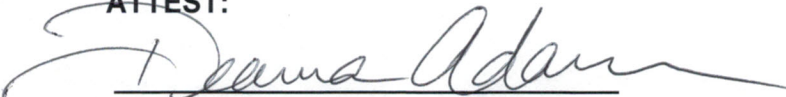
This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication of the Ordinance, or a summary thereof consisting of its title, in the official newspaper of the City.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 24, 2018



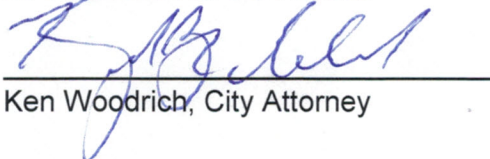
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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate Highways, primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational System. Signs erected on private property that are adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, ***Sign Classification and Specific Provisions***, temporary political campaign signs are identified and regulated as a type of on-premise sign intended to express a property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or initiative. Prior to placing signs, WSDOT recommends checking with the property owner for approval and to determine property line locations. Campaign signs are allowed under the following regulations:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet.
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election.
- 3) Sign installers must have permission of the underlying property owner prior to placing signs.
- 4) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW 47.42 and WAC 468.66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs.

In addition to the above restrictions, **the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway are subject to removal by the Washington State Department of Transportation.**

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway that simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designated in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact Tanya Joblonski at 360-705-7294 or email at outdooradvertisingcontrol@wsdot.wa.gov.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to limit driver distraction, and protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter.

Washington State Department of Transportation

WAC 468-66-050

Sign classifications and specific provisions.

(d) Type 3(d) - Temporary political campaign sign. A Type 3(d) temporary political campaign sign may express a property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue.

(i) Type 3(d) temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet.

(ii) Type 3(d) temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days after an election. After primary elections, temporary political campaign signs endorsing a successful candidate may remain up to ten days after the succeeding general election.