

“Temporary signs pertaining to campaigns, drives or events of political, civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organizations. Provided that if an applicant shall obtain the consent of Council and shall agree in writing to remove such signs within three days after the campaign drive or event has concluded, such signs may be erected upon public property in the possession or control of the municipality, except public property designated for parks purposes and under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission.”

In past election campaigns the practice has been that Council has authorized such signs on public property during the campaign and the various political organizations have typically placed their signs on the boulevards within public road allowances, directed toward passing traffic on the streets. Such signs should not be placed in or in front of flower or shrub beds but should be restricted to turfed areas of boulevards. The specific location of any signs should also be approved by the City Traffic Engineering Division to assure that any signs are not located where they could be considered a safety hazard or obstruction for pedestrians or vehicles and not detrimental to directly fronting commercial uses.

In view of the provisions of the Sign Bylaw, and the past practice of accepting political signs of all participating candidates on an equal basis, it would be appropriate to pass a motion consenting to the erection of such signs by all participants on public property other than that designated for parks purposes and under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and to the considerations noted in this report; and also subject to compliance with the requirements for removal.



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