

FINAL
CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH
POLITICAL/BONUS SIGN
REGULATIONS

The following information is provided for the use as a synopsis of the Hallandale Beach regulations affecting political signs. Please help us keep our City clean by ensuring that campaign operations comply with all relevant City regulations.

Political signs also known as Bonus signs are regulated by Chapter 32, Article IV Division 17 Signs in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hallandale Beach. The Sign Code exempts political signs from permit fees; however, the signs must be in compliance with all other applicable provisions of the Code.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) Submit to the City Clerk's office, a list of the names and addresses of the person(s) in control or possession of the real property upon which the sign(s) will be located. The street address and/or the legal description of the property must also be included.
- 2) Signs on vacant lots require a statement signed by the owner or authorized agent authorizing the placement of the sign.
- 3) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant and/or candidate, must be included with all documents and information submitted.
- 4) A refundable cash bond or surety bond payable to the City in an amount of \$200.00 shall be submitted and posted for each candidate and provided to the City Clerk prior to erecting any political signs in the City. This amount shall be refunded subject to compliance with regulation except that \$100.00 shall be retained by the City to cover administrative cost. Should the City remove or adjust the sign due to noncompliance with the regulations, the refund amount shall be adjusted in an amount equal to the City's cost of removal of the sign.

EXEMPTION FROM BOND REQUIREMENT: Any candidate who has filed a qualifying fee petition pursuant to Florida Statutes F.S. 99.095 or an affidavit pursuant to F.S. 99.093, shall be exempt from the requirement of posting the bond, provided however, that if the City removes or adjusts the candidate's sign due to noncompliance, the candidate shall be responsible for payment to the City of its cost and expense of removal or adjustment of the sign.

REQUIREMENTS:

Political/Bonus Signs

- 1) Shall be limited to three signs per business establishment, residential dwelling unit or vacant property.
- 2) Not be erected prior to 60 calendar days of election

- 3) All political signs **SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 10 CALENDER DAYS** after the election in which the candidate or issue was last on the ballot.
- 4) Shall not be placed upon any tree, utility pole, street light, public property, public right-of-way, or abandoned vehicle or machinery, except as may be allowed by section 32-606 (e) (3).
- 5) Shall not be placed on vacant property unless the owner or his authorized agent shall have agreed, by execution of an appropriate form of agreement supplied by the city, to permit the placement of not more than three bonus signs on the property and that any sign placed, except as so permitted, shall be subject to removal without notice by the director.
- 6) Shall not exceed sixteen (16) sq. ft. each sign area an overall height of 16 feet.
- 7) Shall be single-faced or double-faced on one sign structure, provided however when two sign faces are part of the same structure such as an "A" or "V" sign, and are not more than 42 inches apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces.
- 8) Shall not be placed nearer to a designated polling place than the distance designated in F.S. 102.031 as the minimum distance from a polling place where political solicitations will be allowed.
- 9) Be subject to immediate removal, without notice, by the director for noncompliance with the provisions of this division.
- 10) Be securely affixed to a vehicle by a magnetic or similar type material which cannot be easily be removed, provided the sign is in compliance with this subsection.

EXCEPTION: In single family districts, the sign may be located within the right-of-way, if it is not placed between the sidewalk and roadway, or if there is no sidewalk, the sign is setback a minimum of ten feet from the road.

The following type signs are prohibited with in the City of Hallandale Beach:

- 1) Bus benches, bus shelters or waste receptacles displaying advertising matter, except as may be specifically permitted by the City Commission.
- 2) Roof Signs
- 3) Sidewalk or sandwich signs
- 4) Portable signs
- 5) Snipe signs
- 6) Banners, pennants, flags, festoons of lights, decorations, and balloons, expect as specifically permitted in section 32-607 (d).

- 7) Signs attached to trees, utility poles, street lights or the like.
- 8) Flashing or animated signs.
- 9) Illuminated signs in all single-family or duplex residential zoning districts or any non- shielded illuminated signs within two hundred feet of those districts, except for hotels, motels and rooming houses. Permitted residential nameplates and street address signs may also be illuminated.
- 10) Swinging, rotating and moving signs or devices designed to attract attention, including pennants, flags, propellers, discs and the like, whether or not that device has written message content, unless specifically permitted elsewhere in this division.
- 11) Vehicular signs, except those affixed to franchised buses, taxis or commercial vehicles operating during their normal course of business.
- 12) Commercial signs which copy or imitate official signs, or which purport to have official status.
- 13) Signs projecting into or over any public street right-of-way, including the sidewalk, except as may be allowed by section 32-606 (e) (3).
- 14) Signs which obstruct or interfere with any door, fire exit, stairway, ladder or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress or egress for any building.
- 15) Signs not properly maintained, showing neglect, abandonment, or in an dilapidated or hazardous condition so as to violate the purpose, intent and objectives of this division. The base of judgment for this subsection shall be the specifications as nearly as possible as set out in the Florida Building Code.
- 16) Any sign which constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by reason of its size, location, movement, content, coloring or method of illumination, or by obstructing or detracting from visibility of any official traffic control device by diverting or tending to divert the attention of drivers of moving vehicles from traffic movement on streets, roads, intersections or access facilities. No sign shall be erected so that it obstructs the vision of pedestrians. Flashing or revolving red, green, blue or amber lights shall be prohibited on any sign. Any sign which, by glare or method of illumination, constitutes a hazard to traffic shall be prohibited. No sign may use the term "stop," "look," "drive-in," "danger," or any other word, phrase, symbol or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.
- 17) Human signs.
- 18) Pole signs.
- 19) Projecting signs.

- 20) Any other sign not specifically permitted within this division.
- 21) Off-premises signs, except as provided in section 32-607.

The City of Hallandale Beach regulates signage as a means to preserve property values by preventing unsightly blight and clutter on private developments and limit potential hazards to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

This brochure is intended to be a quick reference guide for persons running for office and those supporting these candidates. You will find sign standards in full on www.MuniCode.com.

If you would like to file a complaint about a sign, please call the City's Code Compliance Division at (954)457-1390.



**STILL HAVE
QUESTIONS?**

CONTACT US TODAY!

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

7 Guidelines to Effectively
Use Bonus Signs within our City

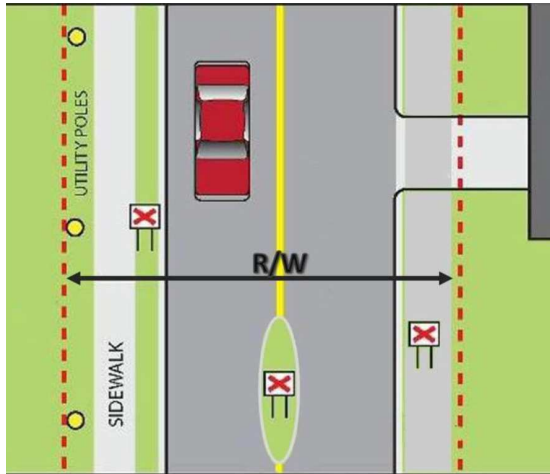
**BONUS
SIGNS**



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Can bonus signs be placed on swales?

No. Signs can only be placed in private properties. If there is no sidewalk, then such sign may be placed 10 feet away from the road City Code 32-607 (e) (3).



Prohibited signs in the Rights of Way

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How many signs can be placed in residential/commercial properties?

3 bonus signs under 22 inches by 28 inches each City Code 32-606 (b) (6) are allowed per unit City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (a)

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When can bonus signs be installed/removed?

Signs can be installed up to 60 days prior to election day City Code 32-608 (b) (1)(b) And removed up to 10 days after election date. City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (c)

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What happens to signs that are removed by the City?

They are disposed of.



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Can bonus signs be installed on vacant land?

Yes, the owner of such land or representative shall provide the qualified candidate written authorization for the sign City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (e). This, has to be filed with the City Clerk. Such signs are not exceed 16 square feet each in sign area an overall height of 16 feet City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (f)

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Can signs be placed on poles, trees or fences?

No, bonus signs shall not be placed upon any tree, utility pole, streetlight, public property, public right-of-way, or abandoned vehicle or machinery City Code 32-608 (b) (1) (d).



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Do bonus signs require a permit?

A permit is not required for bonus signs. City Code 32-605 (g) (5)



All temporary and relief signage must be removed during an active tropical storm warning or hurricane watch or warning issued by the NOAA National Hurricane Center.