



City of Dothan

Department of Planning and Development

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ELECTION OR POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGN GUIDELINES

- A) Election signs should be removed within seven business days after the end of the election or run-off election, whichever comes last.
- B) In any residential district, election signs located on private property should not exceed six square feet.
- C) In any nonresidential district, election signs located on private property should not exceed 32 square feet unless placed on a permitted billboard.
- D) No more than one election sign per candidate should be placed on a nonresidential street frontage per parcel of property.
- E) Election signs should not be illuminated, animated or contain flashing or rotating lights.

Specific Provisions in City Code

Section 114-176 (Zoning). Corner visibility in residential and local business districts.

- A) Fences, walls, shrubbery, signs, marquees, or other obstruction to vision shall comply with the sight distance standards referenced in City Code Chapter 98, Section 10.
- B) Accessory structures on a corner lot shall be set back the minimum front yard depth required on each street.

Section 114-212 (Zoning). Prohibited Signs.

It shall be unlawful to erect, cause to be erected, maintain or cause to be maintained, any sign not expressly authorized by, or exempted from, these regulations. Unless indicated elsewhere, the following signs are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts of the City of Dothan.

- C) No election sign should be attached or affixed to any tree, building, or other structure other than a frame for which it was designed.
- L) Signs in the public right-of-way. Such signs are subject to removal without notice.

Section 98-10 (Traffic). Sight distance triangles; visual obstructions.

- A) At any intersection of two public roads, a 55-foot sight distance triangle must provide for an unobstructed view across the triangle formed by joining points measured 55 feet distant along the property line from the intersection of the two streets.
- B) Within the area of the triangle there must be no sight obscuring wall, fence, sign, foliage or berming higher than 24 inches above the curb grade or, in the case of trees, foliage lower than eight feet.
- C) Vertical measurement must be made from the flowlines of the two streets forming the triangle or if no gutter exists from the edge of the nearest traveled way.
- D) Objects that may be located in the triangular area are items such as hydrants, utility poles, utility junction boxes and traffic control devices. These must be located to minimize visual obstruction. For rounded property corners, the triangular area must be between the property lines extended and diagonal line joining the points on the property lines, 55 feet from the point of their intersection.
- E) Subsections (a)—(d) also apply to intersections of public roads and railroad rights-of-way at railroad crossings not controlled by gates or flashing lights.