

ELECTION SIGNS

Minnesota Statute 211B.045 governs the placement of campaign signs from 46 days before the primary until 10 days after the general election (June 24 – November 18). This statute allows campaign signs to be posted in any size and number, subject to some limitations found in Minn. Stat Chapter 211B on the content of signs and where they can be placed. Municipal sign ordinances cannot regulate the size or number of noncommercial signs during this time period, but still apply to placement on public property.

In an effort to treat all political candidates consistently and fairly, the City of Monticello has developed rules to enforce regulations related to political campaign signs.

Campaign Sign Rules

- Campaign signs should not interfere with regulatory signs and traffic control devices.
- Campaign signs should not impede the view at intersections.
- Campaign signs should not be attached to trees, rocks, or power poles.
- Campaign signs should not be placed on parkland, other publicly owned property, or bridges/overpasses.
- Permission must be received prior to the placement of signs on private property. The private property owner may withdraw that permission at any time. Also, if you receive permission to place a political campaign sign on private property, and the private property is adjacent to city or state-owned right-of-way, the sign must not be located in public right-of-way.
- If political campaign signs are found to be in violation and removed by City staff, they will be kept at City Hall for one week and will then be disposed. However, political campaign signs placed on private property, without permission of the private property owner, may be disposed of immediately by the private property owner.
- Candidates must take down signs within 10 days after the election. On Election Day, no campaigning (signs, literature, bumper stickers, clothing, etc.) is allowed on public property or within 100 feet of a polling location.

To retrieve a sign that the City has removed, please contact the Building Department at 763-295-3060.