



CITY OF LAUDERHILL

POLITICAL SIGN BOND REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION

Effective September 9, 2002, the following shall apply to the placement and removal of Political Signs:

Political Sign Bond

A one hundred dollar (\$100.00) bond shall be posted by the candidate with the Finance Department, which bond shall be forfeited if all signs are not removed within ten (10) days after the election for which the signs have been posted. **Before political signs are erected, the candidate must file an application with the Finance Department providing name, address, and telephone numbers of the candidate.**

Size of Political Signs

The maximum size of a political sign on property zoned non-residential is restricted to twenty-four (24) square feet. On residential zoned property, the maximum sign size is three (3) square feet or eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches. The height of said sign shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches and the width of said sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) inches. This does not apply to magnetic signs temporarily affixed to the door of a passenger automobile.

Location of Signs

Political signs are not allowed within the city public rights-of-way, including swales, or any other city-owned property and other properties without the owners' permission. The City will immediately remove and destroy any sign posted on city property.

No sign shall be attached or otherwise applied to trees, shrubs, utility poles, bus benches, trash receptacles, sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs, hydrants, bridges, traffic signs or lights, street signs, any wire appurtenances attached thereto, or any other unapproved supporting structure.

Political signs are not allowed on private property without the owners' permission. The City may immediately remove any sign posted in violation of the Code of Ordinances or Land Development Regulations.

Violations of Political Sign Requirements

The City of Lauderhill **may** levy a sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) against the sign bond for each sign which was wrongfully posted and which is subject to removal. When the bond drops to fifty dollars (\$50.00), the candidate shall be notified by the City Clerk to replenish the bond up to the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) bond limit. Failure to replenish the bond within 48 hours of notification shall cause forfeiture of the bond and the candidate or the City shall remove all political signs of the candidate.

Candidate may appeal the removal of any political sign and may appeal the forfeiture of the remaining bond to the Code Enforcement Board or to a Hearing Officer, to be designated by the City Attorney based upon which forum the City Attorney determines, in his/her sole discretion, is appropriate.

Land Development Regulation – Schedule I, Sec. 7.0 and Sec. 8.0

3. Off-site noncommercial and political signs.

a. The maximum size is restricted to twenty-four (24) square feet on property zoned non-residential district. On property zoned residential district, the maximum sign size is three (3) square feet or eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches. The height of said sign shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches and the width of said sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) inches. The maximum sign size in residential zoning districts does not apply to magnetic signs temporarily affixed to the door of a passenger automobile.

b. The property owner's permission must be obtained before any sign is placed upon the property. The City may immediately remove any sign posted on property without the owner's permission or any sign posted in violation of the Code of Ordinances or Land Development Regulations. The City may levy a sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) against the bond described in paragraph d. below for each such sign which was wrongfully posted and which is subject to removal. When the bond drops to fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less, the Finance Department shall notify the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall notify the applicant by telephone and certified mail, return receipt requested, to replenish the bond up to the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) bond limit. Failure to replenish the bond within 48 hours of written notification (weekends and legal holidays excluded) shall cause forfeiture of the bond and the applicant or the City shall remove all signs.

c. All signs must be removed within ten (10) days after an event, meeting or election for which the sign has been posted. If not so removed, the City shall have the right to remove the sign and destroy same within ten (10) days after delivery of written notice by regular mail to the applicant.

d. A one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) bond shall be posted by the applicant with the Finance Department for each event, meeting or candidate advertised, which bond shall be forfeited if the sign is not removed as set forth in paragraph b. and c. above. This bond fee shall not be required for signs erected by the City. The Finance Department shall notify the City Clerk of all bonds that are posted by applicants.

e. With the exception of signs erected by the City, an application must be filed with the Finance Department before signs are erected, providing name, address, and telephone numbers of applicant.

f. Applicants that will be conducting events on an on-going basis shall be required to file one bond, as required in paragraph d. above, and make one application as required in paragraph e. above. Both shall be effective on a continuous basis unless the applicant shall default under any requirements of this schedule, in which event the applicant shall no longer receive the benefit of this paragraph f.

g. The City may remove any noncommercial off-site signs that have been erected without the person or entity erecting same having first complied with paragraphs d. or e. above. The removal may be accomplished without first notifying the owner of the sign.

h. The applicant may appeal the removal of any political sign and may appeal the forfeiture of the remaining bond to the Code Enforcement Board or to a Hearing Officer, to be designated by the City Attorney based upon which forum the City Attorney determines, in their sole discretion, is appropriate.



POLITICAL SIGN BOND APPLICATION

PRINT CANDIDATE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____ EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

CASH CHECK check # _____ OTHER # _____

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the City of Lauderhill Political Sign Bond Requirements and I have read and agreed on the above stated requirements.

A \$100.00 sign bond has been posted with the City of Lauderhill to ensure removal of signs within ten (10) days after the election

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

DATE

