


MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Manager

DATE: December 13, 2023
TO: Candidates in the 2024 Election
FROM: Garrett Evans, City Manager
SUBJECT: **POLITICAL SIGNS ON CITY PROPERTY**

Thank you for participating in the upcoming 2024 Election. As you will be very busy during this election season, I would like to remind you that the locations for Political Signs on City property are limited.

Per [Pittsburg Municipal Code \(PMC\) section 19.12.050](#), Political Signs fall under exempt temporary signs:

PMC 19.12.050.D: Political Signs. A political sign intended to elicit support of, or opposition to, a party, candidate or proposition measure at an upcoming election is permitted if the sign is:

1. Not placed in such a manner that it may obstruct, confuse or interfere with traffic or endanger the health, safety or welfare of people or endanger property;
2. Not attached to a utility pole, fence abutting a public right-of-way, building (excluding the interior of windows), structure, object, tree or other vegetation, or located on or within any public right-of-way or other public property;
3. Not placed on private property without the full knowledge and consent of the lawful occupant or, if there is no lawful occupant, without the full knowledge and consent of the property owner;
4. Erected no earlier than 88 days prior to and removed not later than seven days after the election to which the sign relates. If not timely removed, the sign will be deemed to be abandoned and may be removed by the city without notice;
5. No campaign sign may exceed 32 square feet in area per face. A campaign sign may be double-faced if it is placed perpendicular to the right-of-way. In residential areas, no campaign sign may exceed six square feet in total area per face and may be double-faced if placed perpendicular to the right-of-way;
6. No freestanding campaign sign may exceed four feet in height (to bottom of sign); and
7. Campaign signs may not be internally illuminated.

However, elsewhere the Code provides that community event signs are allowed on public property. Because the City allows community event signs in certain locations, for the 2024 Election, the City will allow Political Signs on City property at the following four locations:

1. The northwest corner of Civic Avenue and Railroad Avenue
2. The northwest corner of Pittsburg Antioch Highway and Loveridge Road
3. The northwest corner of Bliss Avenue and Harbor Street
4. The north fence at 3rd Street and Harbor Street

To place Political Signs in the abovementioned locations, please send an email informing the City Manager's Office (gevans@pittsburgca.gov) that you will be placing signs at one or more of those locations, and that you will be in compliance with the sign requirements. I will then send you a confirming email for your records.

Please follow all of the requirements (size, safety, time duration, etc.) for Political Signs.

Should you have additional questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.