

# NONCOMMERCIAL SIGNS

## CMC 18.55 – SIGN CODE

### It's Campaign Season!

**Here's what you need to know about the placement of temporary noncommercial signs in public right-of-way.**

#### Temporary Noncommercial Signs (excerpt)

Noncommercial signs are signs which contains no message, statement, or expression related to commercial interests and include signs expressing political views, religious views, or information about and/or announcements of nonprofit organizations. No permit is required for the placement of temporary noncommercial signs in public right-of-way; HOWEVER, temporary noncommercial signs still must meet the following regulations:

- Only temporary lawn\* and portable\*\* signs are allowed;
- The sign shall not be placed in medians, traffic islands, roundabouts, or other areas within the roadway;
- The sign shall not be placed on a sidewalk or obstruct pedestrian or wheelchair access to the sidewalk;
- The sign shall not be placed in parking spaces or identified pedestrian or bicycle routes;
- The sign shall be placed entirely outside of the sight-distance-triangle of a right-of-way corner, curb-cut, or drive entrance pursuant to the City's Design and Construction Standards adopted under Chapter [12.60](#) CMC. Where no curb exists, the sign must be placed outside the roadway at least five feet from the edge of the roadway;
- The sign shall be no larger than 12 square feet in size, with no single sign face larger than six square feet in size, and no portion of the sign shall exceed three feet in height;
- The sign shall remain portable and may not be attached or anchored in any way to trees or to public property including, but not limited to, utility or light poles, utility boxes, street signs, parking meters, fences, or pavement; and
- Signs shall not be limited in quantity or duration.



***The complete Covington Municipal Code can be found online at [www.codepublishing.com/WA/Covington](http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Covington)***

*\*"Lawn sign" means a freestanding sign made of lightweight materials such as cardboard or vinyl that is supported by a frame, pole, or other support structure placed directly in the ground without foundation or other anchors.*

*\*\*"Portable sign" means a sign that is not permanently affixed and that is designed for or capable of being moved, except those signs explicitly designed for people to carry on their persons or that are permanently affixed to motor vehicles. Portable signs include, but are not limited to, A-frame signs, portable reader boards, lawn signs, and similar signs.*