

COMPLIANCE

Compliance is the responsibility of the property owner, business owner, business manager or other employee or representative of the owner/operator who erects or displays any illegal sign.

Civil Citation Schedule (per sign per day)

1st day - \$50.00

2nd day - \$50.00 per day
for each violation



Where Do These Regulations Apply?

These regulations apply within the city limits and adjacent planning jurisdiction, typically a mile or more from the city limits. A map illustrating these boundaries is available at the Washington Planning Office

City of Washington, NC Temporary Sign Regulations

Our Purpose:

To allow adequate and proportionate advertisement displays which promote and protect economic vitality, and to minimize clutter and maintain the aesthetic appeal of Washington.

Please call (252) 975-9383 before you take ANY action toward the production or installation of ANY sign.

**City of
Washington**

Temporary Sign Regulations



A complete copy of Washington's Sign Regulations is available from the Planning Office at 102 East 2nd Street

Department of Planning & Development
PO Box 1988
Washington, NC 27889

Phone: (252) 975-9383
Fax: (252) 946-1965

Definition of Temporary Signs

A sign that is used in connection with a circumstance, situation, or event that is designed, intended, or expected to take place or to be completed within a reasonably short or definite period after the erection of such sign, or is intended to remain on the location where it is erected or placed for a period of not more than thirty (30) days. If a sign display area is permanent but the message displayed is subject to periodic changes, that sign shall not be regarded as temporary.

Grand Opening Events (on-site signs only)

A new business may conduct a grand opening event for a period of 10 continuous days within the first 60 days of its operation or occupancy. During this 10-day period, the new business is exempt from the sign type and size restrictions and such signs shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 27-177 of the Sign Ordinance. However, no sign shall be located on or attached to public property including rights-of-way, utility poles or traffic signs.

Permitted Sign Types and Standards (no permit required)

Non-residential Real Estate (commercial, office) 1 sign per lot road frontage, not to exceed 4 sq. ft. in area. For lots 5 acres or more in size a single sign shall not exceed 32 sq. ft. in area.



Residential Real Estate - 1 per lot, not to exceed 4 sq. ft. in area. Signs shall be removed immediately after sale.



Election or political campaign signs.
Construction site identification signs.

Opening soon identification signs.

Holiday displays including lighting. Must be removed within 10 days following holiday.

Prohibited Signs

- Ø No sign shall be attached to any tree or public utility pole.
- Ø Any sign made up of or containing strobe lights, zip lights, flashing lights or strings of lights.
- Ø Commercial off-premise portable signs.
- Ø Signs that revolve or are animated or that utilize movement to attract attention.
- Ø Roof Signs



**Questions?
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