

CITY AMENDS TEMPORARY/PORTABLE SIGN CODE

On November 18, 2010, amendments will take effect regarding the Hillsboro Sign Code standards for temporary and portable signs. The amendments were adopted by the City Council following two work sessions and a public hearing process, and are intended to allow slightly more flexibility in the use of temporary and portable signs than previously allowed by the Sign Code, while underscoring limits on the size, location, numbers, and length of display of signs. The amendments are intended to be responsive to input received from Hillsboro residents and business owners since adoption of the Sign Code in 2006, while discouraging excessive use of temporary and portable signs.

The main points of the adopted amendments are cited below:

- Residential properties: now allows up to 5 signs per property, including all permanent, temporary and portable signs. [Previously, signs were limited to campaign signs without limit, real estate signs, and garage sale signs.]
- Commercial and industrial properties: up to 2 temporary or portable signs per property, but only during the hours of 6 am and 9 pm. [Previously, only real estate signs were allowed.]
- Signs on sidewalks: only on sidewalks at least 8 feet wide, no more than 2 per property, with specific size limits, and only between 6 am and 9 pm. [Previously, there were no size limits, and display periods could be indefinite.]
- Signs at public street intersections: temporary and portable signs are allowed, with specific size limits, but only between 6 am and 9 pm. [Previously, the code allowed only portable real estate signs, only on weekends/holidays, and temporary signs such as stick signs were not allowed at all.]

Before placing signs, please contact the Hillsboro Planning Department at (503) 681-6153 for more details, or visit the City of Hillsboro website (www.ci.hillsboro.or.us). The Sign Code is located within the City Municipal Code, Title 15, Chapter 15.20.

