



Town of Palmer

Bondsville, Depot Village, Thorndike & Three Rivers
“The Home of Seven Railroads”

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Political Signage

The following rules and regulations apply for political signs within the Town of Palmer, MA, effective July 24, 2006. If you have any questions, please contact this office at (413) 283-2603

Permit

All requests for signage permission must be in writing to the Town Manager's Office by the Campaign Representative or Individual.

Restrictions

Signs can be put up or placed no early than 4 weeks prior to an election.

Signs cannot block or restrict the field of view for motorist or pedestrians.

Signs are **not** allowed on any public property; including the greenbelt area between roadways and sidewalks.

Signs are **not** allowed on Utility Poles, Light Poles or Street Signs.

Signs are **not** allowed on private property without the permission of the property owner.

Signs must be removed within 72 hours of the close of the polls. This may be waived for the winning candidate if the primary/general elections are within 60 days of each other.

Non-Criminal Disposition

Violations of these rules and regulations are enforceable under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D

Election Day

Signs may be placed at the polling sites the night before Election Day, so long as they: (1) comply with the provisions under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 54, Section 65; (2) comply with the restriction that signs cannot block or restrict the field of view for motorist or pedestrians; and (3) are removed immediately after polls close on Election Day.

Enforcement Authority

These rules and regulations are enforceable by the Town Manager and/or his designees, members of the Police Department, and the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Penalties

The penalty for violations of these rules and regulations shall be as follows:

1st Offense - \$50

2nd Offense in the same calendar year - \$100

3rd and Subsequent Offenses in the same calendar year - \$10.00 per sign up to a maximum of \$300 per offense.

Each day on which a violation exists shall be considered a separate offense.

Amended 8/31/09