

FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE
Appendix A – SIGNS
Sec. 153 – Temporary signs.

Sec. 15. Temporary signs.

- f. **Temporary political signs.** Temporary political signs shall comply with the regulations set forth in V.T.C.A., Election Code, ch. 259, *Political Signs*.
- (1) Private property. No permit shall be required under this chapter for a sign that contains primarily a political message and that is located on private real property with the consent of the property owner, provided that such sign:
 - (a) Does not have a surface area greater than thirty-six feet (36'), excluding the sign structure;
 - (b) Is not more than eight feet (8') high;
 - (c) Is not illuminated; and
 - (d) Has no moving elements.
 - (2) As used in this subsection, "private real property" does not include real property subject to an easement or other encumbrance that allows the city to use the property for a public purpose.
 - (3) Public property.
 - (a) *Prohibited.* Except as provided in subsection (b)(2) of this section, a sign that contains primarily a political message is prohibited on public property, including the rights-of-way.
 - (b) *Exception.* A sign that contains primarily a political message may be in a designated area at least one hundred feet (100') from the main entrance to a polling place during a voting period at such polling place. An area may be designated by the city manager when a city facility is used as a polling place or by an official of another governmental entity when such entity's facility is used as a polling place. As used in this subsection, "voting period" means the continuous period beginning on the date that the polls are open for voting and ending on the date when the polls at such location are closed or the last voter has voted, whichever is later.
 - (4) *Removal.* The sign administrator may remove and dispose of any political sign placed on public property or within the public rights-of-way.
 - (5) *Permits.* Not required.

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ELECTION CODE
TITLE 15. REGULATING POLITICAL FUNDS AND CAMPAIGNS
CHAPTER 259. POLITICAL SIGNS

Sec. 259.001. NOTICE REQUIREMENT ON POLITICAL ADVERTISING SIGNS. (a) The following notice must be written on each political advertising sign: "NOTICE: IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW (CHAPTERS 392 AND 393, TRANSPORTATION CODE), TO PLACE THIS SIGN IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A HIGHWAY."

(b) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) knowingly enters into a contract to print or make a political advertising sign that does not contain the notice required by Subsection (a); or

(2) instructs another person to place a political advertising sign that does not contain the notice required by Subsection (a).

(c) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(d) It is an exception to the application of Subsection (b) that the political advertising sign was printed or made before September 1, 1997, and complied with Subsection (a) as it existed immediately before that date.

(e) In this section, "political advertising sign" means a written form of political advertising designed to be seen from a road but does not include a bumper sticker.

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