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### Real estate signs

In residential areas, one For Sale, For Rent or For Lease sign is permitted at the location of the residence that is for sale, for rent or for lease. Lots larger than 1 acre in size are permitted one sign per street frontage up to a maximum of 3 signs. This sign is limited to 8 square feet of sign area per face and to a maximum height of 6 feet. In addition, you may place signs in other locations pointing to your residence provided that these signs are located on private property and that you have obtained permission for placing the sign from the property owner. To be on private property, signs must typically be 1 foot behind the sidewalk or approximately 11 feet back from the curb of the street. These “pointer” signs are limited to three square feet in area and are allowed only between Friday at 6 a.m. and Sunday at 9 p.m. Signs are not permitted in street medians, in public parks, or at highway interchanges.

In commercial areas, one For Sale or For Lease sign is permitted per building that is for sale or for lease. All signs must be located on private property and be a least 10 feet from any property line. Signs that are at least 50 feet from the curb of the nearest public street may have up to 32 square feet of sign area per face, be up to 10 feet in height, and may be double-sided or v-shaped. Signs that are less than 50 feet from the curb of the nearest street are limited to 20 square feet of sign area per face, 6 feet in sign height, and may be double-faced but not v-shaped.

### Political signs

Up to three political signs may be placed on each privately owned lot. Such signs shall be placed only when the property owner has granted permission. Signs may not be placed in the right-of-way, public parks or facilities, street medians or highway interchanges, or on street signs, traffic lights or other utility structures. In residential areas, signs are limited to 3 square feet in area per face. In commercial or industrial areas, signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in area per face. Political signs relating to a specific election must be removed within five (5) days following the end of the corresponding election.

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# Temporary Signs

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# A Guide to Temporary Signs in Overland Park

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Overland Park strictly limits the use of temporary signs within the City limits. Property owners, residents, developers, City staff members and many others work very hard to make Overland Park an attractive place to live, work, and visit. The visual appeal of the City is an important factor in the rapid population growth, the high property values and the success at attracting high quality residential and commercial development. Temporary signs can easily undermine an otherwise attractive area and make it appear cluttered and unkempt.

The design or location of temporary signs can often be distracting to drivers or block sight lines at intersections, thus reducing traffic safety. The haphazard or careless placement of temporary signs can cause significant damage to lawns, underground sprinkler systems, and utility poles. The placing of signs by driving them into the ground can also risk breaking an underground utility line.

- Property owners are responsible for illegal temporary signs located on their property and public street right-of-way adjacent to their property.
- Property owners are allowed and encouraged to remove illegal temporary signs from their property and public street right-of-way adjacent to their property.

The purpose of this brochure is to provide a brief overview of the regulations that apply in Overland Park. The relevant code requirements are summarized below. Further information can

be obtained by calling Community Services at 913/895-6270 or the Planner-of-the-Day at 913/895-6217.

In this instance, the term "temporary sign" is used to refer to any of the following types of signs:

1. Signs intended to be viewed for a relatively short period of time; e.g., days or weeks;
2. Freestanding signs that are either self-supporting; e.g., A-frame signs, or are supported by stakes or a wire frame that is pushed or pounded into the ground without any foundation;
3. Signs that are affixed to the wall of a building, utility poles or other structure with tape, rope, twine, nails or similar method; and
4. Signs constructed from paper, fabric, cardboard, paint, plastic-coated paper products or similar materials.

## Advertising signs

Temporary signs that advertise a business, product, service or event are generally prohibited **except** under the following circumstances:

1. Non-illuminated signs may be placed on the inside surface of storefront windows and are not subject to any restrictions. These signs can include self-adhesive letters or painted designs as long as they are not on the exterior window surface. Illuminated signs (such as a neon sign) require sign permits and are subject to limitations on number and size.

2. Business or organizations can apply at City Hall for a **Special Event Permit** to allow temporary signage and promotional activities. Special Events are a temporary, short-term use of property, signage, attention attracting or other promotional devices occurring outside and not otherwise allowed as a permitted or accessory use.

Three types of special events are allowed: single banners, detached promotions and large promotional events. City staff can approve up to four events per commercial business and two events per residential project per location in any combination per calendar year.

Signs associated with a Special Event cannot be located in the public street right-of-way (typically the area between the curb and the sidewalk). Call 913/895/6190 for more information.

It is important to point out that advertising signs should never be put in place until a sign permit has been obtained. It is generally preferable to obtain a sign permit as soon as the final design and location of the sign are known and well before the sign is to be constructed and installed.

## Garage sale signs

Yes. You are allowed one sign at the location of the sale for each street frontage on that property. This type of sign can have a sign face up to eight square feet in size and can be used during the days of the garage sale and up to three days prior to the sale. In addition, you may place signs in other locations pointing to your garage sale