

Institutional Signs

Bardstown Sign Ordinance — Information Sheet #2

effective August 22, 2008

Temporary event signs (Section 8.4)

Temporary signs announcing or relating to a campaign, drive, or event of a civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organization are permitted on private property are allowed without a sign permit, provided:

- A temporary sign is a sign made of paper, cardboard, cloth, plastic, fabric, wood or other materials, which is used for a limited period of time and which is not permanently mounted;
- Temporary signs include, but are not limited to, A-frame, banner, wind sign, special event sign, etc.;
- One (1) temporary sign, not exceeding forty (40) square feet and seven (7) feet in height, and small balloons, not exceeding 12-inch in diameter, shall be permitted on the site of the campaign, drive, or event;
- Such signs shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the event to which the sign relates;
- Such signs must be securely installed or displayed and shall be constructed or designed in a manner which shall not cause the sign to be confused or interfere with a traffic sign or other traffic control device; and,
- Such signs may be ground-mounted or building-mounted, and if building-mounted, the signage shall not extend above the peak, or highest point of the roof;
- Such signs shall not be placed in rights-of-way, on utility poles, or at intersections; and,
- Such signs shall not obstruct the vision of the public street, alley, or driveway.

Temporary event signs within public rights-of-way (Section 7.4)

Temporary event signs announcing or relating to a campaign, drive, or event of a civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organization are permitted within public rights-of-way are allowed without a sign permit, provided:

- A temporary sign is a sign made of paper, cardboard, cloth, plastic, fabric, wood or other materials, which is used for a limited period of time and which is not permanently mounted;
- Temporary signs include, but are not limited to, A-frame, banner, wind sign, special event sign, etc.;
- For signs within state rights-of-way, an encroachment permit shall be obtained from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet;
- For signs within the county rights-of-way, written permission shall be obtained from Nelson County Fiscal Court;
- For signs within the city rights-of-way, written permission shall be obtained from the City of Bardstown;
- Such signs shall be removed promptly upon the conclusion of the event;
- Such signs shall not be placed on utility poles; and,

Permanent freestanding signs (Section 11.2)

Permanent freestanding signs indicating the name of the institution are permitted with a sign permit, provided:

- A freestanding sign is a permanent sign that is set firmly in or upon the ground surface, is not attached to any building or other structure;
- Freestanding signs include, but are not limited to, ground-mounted, monument, or pole signs;
- One (1) sign, not exceeding twenty-five (25) square feet in area and seven (7) feet in height, shall be permitted;
- Such signs may be indirectly or interiorly illuminated; and,
- Such signs may also have one (1) reader board, provided that such reader board shall be attached to the principal sign and shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet in area.

Permanent building signs (Section 11.3.2.2.2)

Permanent building signs indicating the name of the institution are permitted with a sign permit. A building sign is a permanent sign which is connected to, painted on, attached to, or otherwise affixed to a building and includes, but is not limited to, a wall, façade, building canopy, projecting, attached, exterior window, or awning signs. The number, size, and placement of signs are based on the number of freestanding and building signs and size of the elevation on which the signs are to be attached. Please refer to the ordinance for specific regulations.

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