

# Residential & Miscellaneous Signs

## Bardstown Sign Standards — Information Sheet #2

### **Real Estate Signs**

Real estate signs advertising the sale or rental of property are permitted without a sign permit. These signs must be located on the property that is “for sale” or “for rent” and must be removed within one (1) week of the sale or lease of the property. For properties less than five (5) acres, real estate signs must not exceed eight (8) square feet in sign area. For properties greater than five (5) acres, real estate signs must not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area and may have two (2) sign faces. Real estate signs shall not be placed in rights-of-way or at intersections.

### **Auction Signage**

Auction signs are permitted without a sign permit. These signs must be located on the property that is to be auctioned. Auction signs may only be displayed fourteen (14) days immediately before the auction date and must be removed the day of the auction. Auction signs may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area and may have two (2) sign faces. Auction signs shall not be placed in rights-of-way or at intersections.

### **Contractor & Financing Signs**

One (1) temporary sign indicating that a contractor or financial institution is providing services on the site is permitted without a sign permit. For properties less than two (2) acres, the temporary sign must not exceed eight (8) square feet in sign area, and for properties greater than two (2) acres, the sign must not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area. Contractor and financing signs must be removed within one (1) week after final occupancy or completion of the service.

### **Yard or Garage Sale Signs**

One (1) sign announcing a yard or garage sale is permitted without a sign permit. This temporary sign must be located on the property where the yard or garage sale is being conducted. The temporary sign may not exceed eight (8) square feet and may only be displayed on the days of the sale and must be removed immediately after the close of the sale. Yard or garage sale signs shall not be placed in the rights-of-way, at intersections, or on utility poles.

### **Civic, Philanthropic, Educational, or Religious Event Signs (private property)**

Temporary signs announcing or relating to a campaign, drive, or event of a civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organization are permitted on private property without a sign permit. These signs must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the event. Temporary event signs shall not be placed in rights-of-way, on utility poles, or at intersections, unless as otherwise provided.

### **Civic, Philanthropic, Educational, or Religious Event Signs (public rights-of-way)**

Temporary event signs announcing or relating to a campaign, drive, or event of a civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organization are permitted on local or state rights-of-way but only with an encroachment permit from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet or written permission from the City of Bardstown or Nelson County Fiscal Court. These signs must be removed promptly upon the conclusion of the event.

### **Personal Message Signs**

Personal message signs announcing births, anniversaries, etc., are permitted without a sign permit. These temporary signs must not exceed six (6) square feet and may not be displayed more than fourteen (14) days. Personal message signs shall not be placed in rights-of-way, on utility poles, or at intersections.

All special event, permanent, & replacement signs require permits.

No sign shall be placed in the right-of-way without written permission from the appropriate agency.

For more information on the Bardstown Sign Ordinance, please contact:

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