

Political Sign Regulations:

The City of Eagleville follows the TCA Section 2-7-143 pertaining to political signs. The City sets the maximum size at 32 sq feet for commercially zoned properties and 16 sq feet for residentially zoned properties. The City allows one sign per candidate/issue/subject on any allowed property. No sign is permitted on City property. No sign is permitted in any right of way in the city limits. Additionally, unless specifically permitted by TCA 2-7-143, signs must adhere to Section 4.080.3 Prohibited Signs in the Eagleville Zoning Ordinance located at EaglevilleTN.com.

2-7-143. Tennessee Freedom of Speech Act.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Tennessee Freedom of Speech Act.”

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, during the period beginning sixty (60) days before an election until the day after the next subsequent election:

(1) This state, a local government, or any other political subdivision of this state:

(A) Shall not regulate the shape or quantity of political or campaign posters or signs placed on private property that is located more than one hundred feet (100') from a polling place if the signs or posters are placed on the property by the owner of the property or any lawful resident of a residence on the property;

(B) May prohibit, notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1)(A), any political or campaign poster or sign covered by this section from exceeding:

(i) For commercial property, thirty-two square feet (32 sq. ft.) in size; and

(ii) For residential property, sixteen square feet (16 sq. ft.) in size; and

(C) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1)(A), may adopt reasonable restrictions limiting the number of political campaign signs or posters that may be placed on property; provided, that such restrictions authorize an owner or resident to place at least one (1) poster or sign on the property per candidate, issue, or subject; and

(2) A homeowners' association shall not, by covenant, condition, restriction, or rule, prohibit the display of political or campaign posters or signs placed on private property by the owner of the property or any lawful resident of a residence on the property. A homeowners' association may adopt reasonable covenants, conditions, restrictions, or rules with respect to the placement of political or campaign posters or signs placed on homeowner association common space and private property maintained by the owner or resident, including limiting the size of campaign posters or signs in those common and private property areas to four square feet (4 sq. ft.).

(c) A lessor of residential property may require a lessee to obtain the written permission of the lessor prior to placing any political or campaign posters or signs on such residential property. Any such requirement must be included in the lease or rental agreement.

(d) This section applies to any clause, covenant, condition, restriction, or rule contained in any agreement or contract between a homeowners' association and property owner or between a lessor and lessee executed or modified after July 1, 2017.

Section 4.080.3. Prohibited Signs – Eagleville Zoning Ordinance 2016-009

Except as may be authorized by this ARTICLE, the following signs shall be prohibited and may neither be erected nor maintained:

- A. Any sign for which a permit is required and has not been issued, excluding any existing legal nonconforming sign.
- B. Flashing, fluttering, undulating, swinging, rotating, or otherwise moving signs, pennants, or other decorations, not including automatic changeable copy signs as regulated in this Section.
- C. Any sign that obstructs a clear view to and from traffic along any street right-of-way, entrance, or exit.
- D. Signs or sign structures located in the right-of-way, except as required by appropriate federal, state, city or county governmental authorities.
- E. Snipe signs.
- F. Any sign that obstruct free ingress and egress through a required door, window, fire escape or other required exit way.
- G. Any sign that exhibits statements, words or pictures of an obscene nature, as defined by the United States Supreme Court.
- H. Windblown or inflated signs, not including flags as regulated in this Ordinance.
- I. Signs placed on or affixed to vehicles and/or trailers which are parked on a right-of-way, public property or private property so as to be visible from the public right-of-way where the apparent purpose is to advertise a message. However, this is not in any way intended to prohibit signs placed on or affixed to motorized vehicles where the sign is incidental to the primary use of the motorized vehicles or trailer.
- J. Abandoned or dilapidated signs.
- K. Signs that extend above the roof line.
- L. Signs which make use of words such as “stop”, “look”, “danger”, or any other words, phrases, symbols or character in such a manner as to resemble standard traffic control signs and interfere with, mislead or confuse drivers of vehicles traveling upon any highway, driveway or parking area.
- M. Portable signs.
- N. Sign display areas with varying light illumination and/or intensity, blinking, bursting, dissolving, distorting, fading, flashing, oscillating, rotating, scrolling, sequencing, shimmering, sparkling, streaming, traveling, tracing, twinkling, simulated movement, or convey the illusion of movement.
- O. Video, continuous scrolling message, and animation signs.
- P. Signs that are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair the vision of any motorist, cyclist or pedestrian using or entering a public way.
- Q. Any other sign which is not expressly allowed is prohibited.