



TEMPORARY SIGN APPLICATION

- Temporary signs are regulated by the Athens Zoning Ordinance Section 6.8.13.K.
- An approved temporary sign application does not do away with a private property owner’s right to have signs removed from their property for any reason. Furthermore, The City of Athens is **NOT** giving permission for signs to be placed on private property. So, ask property owner permission before putting up a sign up.
- Signs cannot be placed in the Right-of-Way. Signs cannot be attached to any utility poles or street signs. Signs must be located 10 feet from power lines.
- No sign is to be put up without an approved application.

What is the event or advertisement? (examples: 30% Off Sale, Now Hiring, Fiddler’s Convention, New Ownership, Smith Family Auction, Veterans Day Sale)

Dates

All dates must include month, day, and year. A temporary sign has a maximum lifespan of twenty-one (21) days and must be removed once the application expires.

Application date _____

Erect sign on _____

Remove sign on or by _____

Sign Location

Cannot be in a right-of-way. Cannot be attached to any utility poles or street signage. Must be located 10’ from power lines.

Contact Info.

Company/Organization Erecting Sign _____

Representative’s Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sign Details

Face size (width x height): _____ Face area (square feet): _____

Maximum face size of thirty-two (32) square feet and four (4) square for residential properties.

Text on sign face: _____

*By submitting this application, I hereby affirm that the sign will **not** be erected until approval is given, and does **not** violate any other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. I have the authority to submit this application, if not I can be prosecuted to the maximum extent of the law.*

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A fillable form is available on our website www.AthensAL.us, under the Online Services menu > Applications and Forms.

Approved by Zoning Official: X _____

Date: _____

Temporary Sign Regulations

A Temporary Sign Application must be submitted to Athens City Hall. **No sign is to be erected without prior approval.**

§9.2 Definition of Specific Terms and Words.

Banners, posters, etc. A type of temporary sign of canvas, plastic sheeting, paper, cardboard or cloth without its own supporting frame, but attached to posts, poles, or other stationary structures by cords, ropes, elastic bands (shock cords, bungee cords, etc.) or other fasteners; or affixed to a flat surface such as an exterior wall, window, or mansard.

Temporary sign. Any display, informational sign, or other advertising device in any zoning district and that is of a non-permanent nature and is intended to convey information about a specific, timed event rather than an ongoing occurrence.

6.8.13. General Sign Regulations.

- A. Public Right-of-Way. No sign of any type, or any part of a sign, or any foundation or support of any sign, whether requiring a permit or not, shall be erected, located, or placed in or projected over any public thoroughfare or alley ROW, or in any utility or drainage easement, except as provided by this Ordinance
- B. Power and Telephone Poles. No sign shall be placed or mounted on power poles and/or telephone poles, nor be maintained or erected in any way that will interfere with power lines and/or telephone lines. Signs shall not be located closer than ten (10) ft to any existing or proposed power line, nor shall they be placed directly under the power lines.

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- K. Temporary Signs. In no event shall any temporary sign be permitted in violation of any provisions of this Ordinance, and shall be administratively approved by the Zoning Official.
- 1) Banners, Posters, Special Purpose Flags, Portable Signs, Vehicle/Trailer Mounted Signs, etc. These are considered a type of temporary, non-permanent signage as defined in Article 9.
- a) Every property within the city is entitled to one (1) temporary sign. In each of the following instances, one (1) additional temporary sign may be placed on a property for a maximum of two (2) temporary signs at any given time.
- If the property is a corner lot.
 - If the property is for sale or lease.
 - If the property is occupied by more than one tenant (group occupancy).
 - If the property is under construction.
- b) These signs are also prohibited from being attached to any railroad trestle or bridge which crosses a ROW.
- c) The size of the temporary sign shall not exceed the following size limits:
- Four (4) sf on residential properties.
 - Thirty-two (32) sf on non-residential properties.
 - Thirty-two (32) sf on non-improved properties along arterial and collector streets.
- d) In the event a non-residential entity with a permanent location desires to advertise a product or special event, said entity may utilize a temporary sign according to Subsection (a) above only on the property where they are permanently located. Said temporary sign(s) shall follow all other rules for size and placement enumerated within this Ordinance and shall be subject to an application approved by the Zoning Official to ensure it satisfies the requirements of this Ordinance. Approved applications for these temporary signs have a maximum lifespan of twenty-one (21) days. The sign covered by an approved application must be removed once the application expires.
- e) In the event a non-residential entity is sponsoring a community event, open to the public, held in a location not customarily home to a commercial enterprise, a maximum of four (4) off-premise temporary signs shall be permitted. Said temporary signs shall follow all other rules for size and placement enumerated within this Ordinance and shall be subject to an application approved by the Zoning Official to ensure it satisfies the requirements of this Ordinance. Approved applications for these temporary signs have a maximum lifespan of twenty-one (21) days. The sign covered by an approved application must be removed once the application expires.
- f) Portable signs must conform to wind load requirements and must be anchored or supported to guard against the effects of wind.

- g) Vehicle/trailer-mounted signs are prohibited with the exception of motor vehicles that are operated by the owner or designee daily for transportation. No application is required for these motor vehicles. All motor vehicles must be in working condition with current tag and insurance.
- 2) Pennants and Streamers. Pennants and streamers may be used for advertising purposes or other purposes of attraction only in the B-2 district.

All pennants and streamers that are displayed are expected to be in a good state of repair and not through their appearance to be detrimental to the image of the City. They shall not be allowed to become an eyesore due to shredded, torn, faded, or worn material that is obviously neglected for maintenance by the business displaying them. Such neglect of their appearance or the supporting ropes, cords, cables, etc., that support them such that their appearance may become unsuitable for their intended purpose may result in an order of removal by the City.

- 3) Elections. From time to time, primary, general, and special elections for Federal, State, and local positions are held within the city. For a period of two (2) months prior to the certified election date, the applicability and enforcement of the provisions of this Sec. 6.8.13.K shall be suspended until the day after said election is held.