

ORDINANCE NO. 250-119

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY AMENDING SCHEDULE I, ENTITLED "SIGN REQUIREMENTS," SECTION 8.0 "SPECIFIC SIGN REQUIREMENTS" BY MODIFYING THE STANDARDS FOR OFF-SITE NONCOMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL SIGNS TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT GUIDELINES FOR WHEN SIGNS MAY BE POSTED IN BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; CREATING A TABLE TO CLARIFY THE ALLOWABLE CRITERIA RELATED TO TEMPORARY SIGNS, ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM SIGN AREA, SIGN DIMENSIONS AND TIME RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City staff was requested to review and provide recommendations regarding the City's requirements for off-site noncommercial and political signs in residential and nonresidential districts to ensure there was consistency within the districts; and

WHEREAS, City staff also reviewed the sizes of signs and determined that although the maximum sign area is defined in the code, the maximum height and width are not defined which has created confusion among staff enforcing the regulations; and

WHEREAS, City staff's recommendations regarding making changes to the Land Development Code were presented to the Planning and Zoning Board, at a duly noticed meeting and public hearing held on June 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board reviewed staff's proposed amendments and recommends approval to City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, having reviewed the proposed amendments, hereby finds that modifying the regulations pertaining to sign regulations to be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Schedule I entitled "Sign Requirements" of the Land Development Code be amended as follows (underline is added; ~~strike through~~ is deleted):

Sec. 8.0. – Specific sign requirements.

This section addresses the requirements for temporary and permanent signs.

- (a) *Temporary permits.* In addition to any other regulations and conditions set forth in this Schedule, the following regulations shall apply to each of the signs or types of signs referred to hereinafter and only such temporary signs as are prescribed herein below which conform to and with the provisions of this Schedule shall be permitted to be erected or maintained upon any lot, plot or parcel of land or improvement thereon; provided, further, that no sign so permitted shall exceed six (6) feet in height above the crown of any abutting roadway.

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3. *Off-site noncommercial and political signs.*

- a. Temporary off-site noncommercial signs or signs advertising a candidate for public office, or a political campaign, measure or issue scheduled for an election are only permitted subject to the following requirements:

(1) *Standards.*

- (a) Residential Zoning Districts. On property zoned residential district, the maximum sign size is three (3) square feet or eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches. ~~The height of said sign itself shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches and the width of said sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) inches.~~ The maximum sign size in residential zoning districts does not apply to magnetic signs temporarily affixed to the door of a passenger automobile. ~~No more than one (1) sign per candidate, event, meeting, or election per residential property shall be allowed, unless the property is on a corner. Corner properties may have up to two (2) signs per candidate, event, meeting, or election. Double-sided signs shall be considered as one (1) sign.~~
- i. ~~No sign in a residential district shall be placed on public property such as a swale area, right of way or park.~~
- ii. ~~No sign in a residential district shall be placed on fence, tree or hedge.~~
- iii. ~~No sign in a residential district shall be installed more than ninety (90) days prior to the election that is the subject of the political sign.~~

| Schedule I – Section 8 TABLE (3a.): Off-site noncommercial and political signs. | | | | | |
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| <u>Sign Type</u> | <u>Maximum</u> | | | | <u>Permit Requirement and Additional Standards</u> |
| | <u>Number of Signs</u> | <u>Sign Area</u> | <u>Sign Dimensions</u> | <u>Time</u> | |
| <u>Temporary noncommercial and political</u> | <u>One</u> | <u>3 sq. ft.</u> | <u>24 inches by 18 inches</u> | <u>No sign in a residential district shall</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• No permit required.</u> <u>• Corner properties may have up to two (2)</u> |

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| <u>signs in a residential district</u> | | | | <u>be installed more than ninety (90) days prior to the event, meeting, or federal, state, county, and municipal election that is the subject of the temporary sign.</u> | <u>signs per candidate, event, meeting, or election.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>No sign in a residential district shall be placed on public property such as a swale area, right of way or park.</u> <u>No sign in a residential district shall be placed on a tree or hedge.</u> <u>Double-sided signs shall be considered as one (1) sign.</u> |
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(b) Nonresidential Districts. On property zoned non-residential, the maximum sign size is restricted to ~~twenty-four (24)~~ thirty-two (32) square feet, with a maximum height of 8 feet. ~~No more than one (1) sign per candidate, event, meeting, or election per nonresidential private property shall be allowed, unless the property is on a corner. Corner properties may have up to two (2) signs per candidate, event, meeting, or election. Double-sided signs shall be considered as one (1) sign. No sign shall be posted in a manner such that the top of the sign stands more than eight (8) feet in height above the ground beneath it. No sign in a nonresidential district shall be installed more than sixty (60) days prior to the election that is the subject of the political sign.~~

Schedule I – Section 8 (3b.) TABLE : Off-site noncommercial and political signs.

| <u>Sign Type</u> | <u>Maximum</u> | | | | <u>Permit Requirement and Additional Standards</u> |
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| | <u>Number of Signs</u> | <u>Sign Area</u> | <u>Maximum Height</u> | <u>Time</u> | |
| <u>Temporary Noncommercial and political signs in nonresidential districts</u> | <u>One</u> | <u>32 sq. ft.</u> | <u>No sign shall be posted in a manner such that the top of the sign stands more than eight (8) feet in height above the ground</u> | <u>No sign in a nonresidential district shall be installed more than ninety (90) days prior to the event, meeting, or federal, state, county,</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>No permit required</u> <u>Corner properties may have up to two (2) signs per candidate, event,</u> |

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| | | | <u>beneath it.</u> | <u>and municipal election that is the subject of the temporary sign.</u> | <u>meeting, or election.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The time period for display of temporary replacement signs throughout the city pursuant to this section may be extended by resolution of the City Commission if the Commission determines that the six month period is insufficient to allow for the permanent replacement of the damaged or destroyed signs.</u> |
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- i. Placement of Signs. On property zoned non-residential, no sign, poster, banner or placard of any type shall be affixed, painted, tacked, or nailed to any utility poles, trees, ~~fences~~, or buildings, or otherwise displayed, placed or located on any state, County or City rights-of-way and/or median strips within the City limits. See Florida Statute 479.11(8).
 - ii. No sign shall be placed within one-hundred fifty (150) feet from any polling site building entrance. Any sign so placed is subject to immediate removal by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office. See Florida Statute §102.031(4)(a) and (b).
 - iii. No sign shall be placed within ten (10) feet of any City of Lauderhill permanent sign.
- (2) Prohibited Signs. No sign shall be attached or otherwise applied to trees, shrubs, utility poles, bus benches, trash receptacles, sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs, hydrants, bridges, traffic signs or lights, street signs or any other unapproved supporting structure.

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(5) *Enforcement Procedures.*

- (a) *Application.* With the exception of signs erected by the City, any candidate, individual or organization that intends to post a political sign or noncommercial sign, must first file an application with the Finance Department before signs are erected, providing name, address, and telephone numbers of applicant.
- (b) *Bond.* Every applicant, who wishes to display off-site non-commercial or political signs on real property located in the City of Lauderhill, must post a non-refundable cash bond in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) with the City of Lauderhill before posting any signs in the City of Lauderhill. Failure to post a bond shall result in a citation being issued for fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day against the candidate for political signs or against the applicant for off-site non-commercial signs. If the sign bond is depleted as a result of repeat violations, the candidate shall be required to post a new sign bond in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (c) *Removal of Improper Political Signs and off-site noncommercial signs.* Political campaign signs and off-site noncommercial signs not posted in accordance with these regulations shall be subject to removal by the candidate, the property owner, or the City. If the City removes the sign, the City shall deduct the cost and expense of removal from the posted cash bond.
- (d) *Date of Installation.* No political sign or off-site noncommercial sign shall be displayed, erected or installed on nonresidential property prior to ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) days immediately preceding any election, event or meeting which is the subject matter of the sign.
- (e) *Date of Removal.* Each and every sign posted by an applicant, a candidate, or his/her supporters must be removed within seven (7) days from the day of the event, meeting, or election in which the candidate's victory or defeat is determined. If a candidate participates in a run-off and has a general election to follow, the signs may remain up until the general election is complete, with no further sign bond required.
- (f) *Responsibility for Removal.* For purposes of this Section, each political candidate is responsible for each sign advertising his or her candidacy, regardless of who posted the sign or whether the sign is posted with authorization from the political candidate. The person or persons

posting a political candidate's campaign sign shall be regarded as an agent of the candidate. The applicant is required to remove any non-political off-site non-commercial sign.

SECTION 2. Conflicts. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. Severability. Should any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, clause or word of this Ordinance or portion hereof be held or declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Codification. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lauderhill, Florida, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED on first reading this _____ day of _____ 2025.

PASSED and ADOPTED on second reading this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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