



Temporary Signs

1. **No sign is ever allowed to be placed on public ROW,**
 2. **No sign shall ever be allowed to be placed in such a location to cause a sight distance issue or any other hazard,**
 3. **All signs must be at least five feet (5') behind the sidewalk or 20' from the edge of the driving surface, whichever is greater,**
 4. **All signs shall be in good condition and monitored and maintained regularly to ensure they are not blowing loose, falling over or otherwise becoming a nuisance,**
- Temporary signs are allowed for commercial businesses for an event or sale for a maximum of 30 consecutive days per event and up to 90 days per calendar year, this includes pennants and flags.
 - A maximum of 100sf of temporary signage is allowed at any one time.
 - A maximum height of six feet (6') for all temporary signs.
 - For not-for-profit or community events organizers are encouraged to take advantage of the City's Banner program – please call Oak Ridge Cemetery at 217-342-4696 for more information.
 - Off-site signage is prohibited in the City of Effingham.

Residential signage –

No commercial entity may advertise on residential property except:

- An entity that is conducting work at the property, such as a roofing company or furnace repairman, may advertise while the work is being conducted and for seven days after. Signs must be placed in accordance with items 1-4 above.
- Political signs may be placed up to 60 days prior to the election and must be removed within seven days after the election.
- Yard/Garage sale signs may be placed for 24 hours before and after the sale. Signs must be placed in accordance with items 1-4 above.
- An In-Home business may advertise with a one square foot nameplate – other rules also apply.

Realtor signs – may be placed on the property listed for sale:

Maximum size is 100sf for commercial and 32sf for residential.

Must be placed in accordance with items 1-4 above.

Must be removed within 14 days of the sale.

Off-site directional real estate signs are prohibited.

Signs that are not considered temporary must have a sign permit issued and have additional requirements. Please contact the Building Official's Office with any questions or for additional information: 217-342-5300 x 3.