

City of Jonestown, Texas, Code of Ordinances:

ARTICLE 3.09 SIGNS

Sec. 3.09.003 Definitions

Political sign. Any sign which is designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat of a measure appearing on the ballot in connection with any national, state or local election or which is designed to influence the voters for the election or defeat of a candidate for nomination or election to any public office in connection with any national, state or local election, but the sign shall not include the name of the sponsor or the business promoting the activity or in any other way advertise the business.

Sec. 3.09.216 Miscellaneous signs

(a) Political signs.

(1) Political signs may be only placed on “private real property” as that term is defined in section 216.903 of the Local Government Code* provided that the signs:

- (A) Have an effective area not greater than 36 feet;
- (B) Are not more than eight (8) feet high;
- (C) Are not illuminated; and
- (D) Have no moving elements.

(2) This provision does not apply to a political message on a lawful billboard that is generally available for rent or purchase to carry commercial advertising or other messages that are not primarily political.

(3) A political sign is one that denotes a political party affiliation, or advertises a political candidate, cause or voting proposition.

(4) A political sign shall be removed from the private real property within seventy-two (72) hours after the date of the election.

(5) No permit or fee shall be required for a political sign.

***Local Government Code Sec. 216.903. REGULATION OF POLITICAL SIGNS BY MUNICIPALITY.**

(a) In this section, "private real property" does not include real property subject to an easement or other encumbrance that allows a municipality to use the property for a public purpose.

(b) A municipal charter provision or ordinance that regulates signs may not, for a sign that contains primarily a political message and that is located on private real property with the consent of the property owner:

- (1) prohibit the sign from being placed;
- (2) require a permit or approval of the municipality or impose a fee for the sign to be placed;
- (3) restrict the size of the sign; or
- (4) provide for a charge for the removal of a political sign that is greater than the charge for removal of other signs regulated by ordinance.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a sign, including a billboard, that contains primarily a political message on a temporary basis and that is generally available for rent or purchase to carry commercial advertising or other messages that are not primarily political.

(d) Subsection (b) does not apply to a sign that:

- (1) has an effective area greater than 36 feet;
- (2) is more than eight feet high;
- (3) is illuminated; or
- (4) has any moving elements.