

Municipal Regulation of Political Signs

- Article II, “Temporary Political Campaign Signs,” of Dallas City Code. Chapter 15A, “Elections,” has been repealed.
- Texas Local Government Code §216.903(b) prohibits cities from:
 1. prohibiting political signs,
 2. requiring a permit for political signs,
 3. restricting the size of political signs, or
 4. charging for removal of political signsexcept as provided below.
- A permit is not required for political signs on private property with consent of the property owner unless the sign: [Texas Local Government Code §216.903(d), §51A-7.209(c), and §51A-7.602]
 1. has an effective area greater than 36 feet;
 2. is more than eight feet high;
 3. is illuminated;
 4. has moving elements;
 5. is on public property or an easement that allows the city to use the property for public purposes; or
 6. is on a structure that is available for rent or purchase, such as billboards;
- Signs may not be placed in the public right-of-way. [§51A-7.203(b)]
- Signs that require permits may not be placed on roofs. [§51A-7.203(a)]
- "Political sign" is a sign that contains primarily a political message
 1. If a citation or notice is issued, the Board of Adjustment can issue a ruling on whether a sign is political. [§51A-7.705]