

Chapter 19
Signs and Billboards

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Part 1**Political Signs****§19-101. Purpose.**

The purpose of the Borough in promulgating this Part regulating the placement of temporary political signs on public property is, among other things, to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community

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§19-102. Definitions.

The following shall be defined terms for the purposes of this Part:

Temporary political signs—those signs announcing political candidates seeking office, political parties and/or political and public issues contained on an election ballot.

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§19-103. Temporary Political Signs.

Temporary political signs posted on public property located within the Borough are subject to the following general requirements:

A. *Number of Signs.* No more than one temporary political sign shall be placed on public property at any intersection of roads or streets for any candidate, nor shall a temporary political sign be located within 600 feet of any other such sign for any candidate.

B. *Area.* Temporary political signs on public property shall not exceed an aggregate gross surface area of 4 square feet per sign.

C. *Height.* Temporary political signs shall not project higher than 4 feet, as measured from the base of sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher.

D. *Timing.* Temporary political signs may be erected or maintained for a period not to exceed 30 days prior to the date of the election to which such signs are applicable and shall be removed within 5 days following the termination of the election.

E. *Illumination.* No temporary political signs shall be illuminated in any manner.

F. *Posting of a Cash Bond.* Prior to any person, firm or corporation placing a temporary political sign within the confines of any public right-of-way within the Township, there shall be posted with the Secretary of the Borough a cash bond in the amount of \$100.

G. *Required Information.* At the time of posting of the cash bond, there shall be submitted to the Borough, on a form supplied by the Borough, the following information:

(1) The name and address of a person who is placing the temporary political signs and the name and address of the person who will be responsible

for removal of each sign.

(2) The general nature and purpose of the temporary political signs to be placed.

H. *Required Consent of the Borough for the Placement of Temporary Political Signs on Public Rights-of-Way or Public Property.* Borough reserves the right to deny a request to post temporary political signs on public property or require the removal of any temporary political signs at any time whenever such sign poses a threat to the public's safety, health and welfare. Specific prohibitions include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Temporary political signs shall be prohibited within 5 feet of the edge of the paved surface of any road or street within the Borough.

(2) Temporary political signs shall be prohibited along any road or street within the Borough where it would obstruct the clear sight distance of the traffic.

I. *Return of Bond.* If the temporary political sign is removed within 3 days after the date when it was declared to the Borough that they would be so removed, the cash bond shall be refunded to the person or organization responsible for posting that bond.

J *Forfeiture of Bond.* If the temporary political signs are not removed within 5 days after the election, the posted cash bond as required by this Section shall be forfeited to the general fund of the Borough in an amount of \$5 per sign as the cost to the Borough to remove the signs.

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§19-104. Private Property.

No temporary political signs shall be placed or erected on any private property without first obtaining permission from such property owner.

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§19-105. Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

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