

City of Spirit Lake Sign Rules for Residential Property

NO PERMIT REQUIRED FOR:

Garage Sale Sign

- Number: No more than four per sale.
- Location: To post on someone else's property, owner's permission required.
- Size: Maximum four square feet and three feet high.
- Time Limit: Posted no longer than four days, twice a year.

Real Estate Sign

- Number: One per street frontage; maximum two per lot.
- Location: On lot for sale or lease, at least 10 feet from public street right-of-way.
- Size: Maximum 10 square feet and six feet high.
- Time Limit: Must be removed after sale closing.
- No illumination.

Temporary Directional or Open House Real Estate Sign

- Location: If installed on property other than that for sale, property owner's permission required.
- Allowed only when an agent is present at property for sale.

Residential Name Plates and Home Business Sign

- Number: One per residential building.
- Location: Nameplate at least 10 feet from property lines.
- Size: Up to one and one-half square feet.
- Home occupation information may be placed on a nameplate.

Political Sign

Promotes a political issue or candidate for office, comments on issues or promotes opinions. Must be located on private property with owner's permission. Limited to 8 sq. ft. removed after election.

Home Improvement/Remodeling

- Number/Size: One, no more than six square feet and four feet high.
- Location: Where described activity is taking place, at least 10 feet from any property line.
- Time Limit: Until the project is substantially complete, but never for more than 30 days.

Home Security Sign

- Size: Up to one square foot.

Pole for Noncommercial Flag such as the U.S. Flag

- Size: No more than 12 feet taller than house's highest outside wall.
- Location: Set back at least pole's height from side property lines and at least 10 feet from public right-of-ways.

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS AT PLACES OF WORSHIP, SCHOOLS, PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Temporary On-Site Sign

- Number: Two
- Size: One sign up to 32 square feet and one up to 16 square feet per street frontage.
- Location: Set back at least 20 feet from any street rights-of-way. No more than one freestanding sign per street frontage. If three feet high or less and six square feet or less, the minimum setback is 10 feet. No wall sign can be placed above the top of a wall.
- Time Limit: Any time of year.

Temporary Off-Site Sign for Special Events

- Number: Up to 60 per event, up to four events per year. Number of signs per site is limited.
- Location: On private property with owner's permission.
- Size: Six square feet, maximum height is three feet.
- Time Limit: Displayed for up to 14 days per event.
- Professionally printed.
- Stickers issued by City must be attached to each sign.

PROHIBITED SIGNS

- Signs in street rights-of-way or attached to utility poles.
- Signs that interfere with street signs and traffic control devices.
- Signs that interfere with intersections.
- Signs on natural features.
- Portable signs.
- Flashing signs.

Except for regulatory and direction signs put up by the City and County, signs in public right-of-way or attached to utility poles are always prohibited.

QUESTIONS/COMPLAINTS

For questions about the City's sign regulations, call Building and Inspection at (712) 336-1871.

