

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Sign Ordinance Supplement

Sec. 6-6. - Permitted signs

(1) Signs not requiring permit.

n. Political signs. Political or campaign signs, provided they do not exceed four square feet in area. For larger signs, refer to section 6-111(b)(4).

Sec. 6-111. - Temporary signs.

(4) Political or campaign signs. Temporary political or campaign signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on election ballots may be permitted in any zoning district, provided that such signs are subject to the following regulations:

a. No person or organization shall post a political or campaign sign on property owned by others until such person or organization places on file with the city manager or designee a location list, which shall be updated by submission of amended lists, indicating the placement of all temporary political or campaign signs in the city that are over four square feet of copy area, and bond or other security deposit acceptable to the city is posted to ensure the proper maintenance and removal of the signs in accordance with section 6-38(b)(3).

b. Political or campaign signs may be erected not earlier than 60 days prior to the election and shall be removed within ten days following the election.

c. In areas used for agriculture, commercial or industrial uses, or adjacent vacant property, signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in area or six feet in height.

d. The provisions of subsections (b)(4)a, b and c of this section notwithstanding, nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a property owner from placing temporary political or campaign signs on his property; provided they do not exceed four square feet in sign area per sign.

Sec. 6-38. - Permits; inspection.

(b) Application for sign permit. In order to obtain a permit to erect, alter or relocate any sign under the provisions of this chapter, an applicant therefor shall submit to the city manager or designee a sign permit application, which shall include:

4) Application fee. Applications for a permit to erect, construct, alter or extend a sign or sign structure shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount to be established by the city council in a schedule of fees.

3) Bond or other security for certain type signs. The city council shall adopt a bond or other security schedule for certain type signs requiring a bond or other security as specified in this chapter. If the signs are not removed within the specified time period, the signs will be removed by the city and the bond will be forfeited. Such signs include but are not limited to:

a. Political signs with over four square feet of copy area.

If the signs are not removed within the specified time period, the signs will be removed by the city and the bond will be forfeited.



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POLITICAL SIGNS APPLICATION

Candidate's Name: _____

Additional Contact Person: _____

Candidate's Address: _____

Candidate's Phone Number: _____

Additional Phone Number: _____

I, _____, [candidate's name] received a copy of the City of Bonita Springs signs ordinance supplement regarding political signs. **I understand that *under no circumstances* will a sign be allowed in the right-of-way [R.O.W.] or public easement, including public land.**

If signs are found to exist in impermissible areas, or if all signs are not removed within ten (10) days after the election, the signs may be removed and the \$250.00 bond *may be* subject to forfeiture.

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____

*****A \$250.00 refundable bond (Bonita Springs Land Development Code Sec. 6-111. - Temporary signs), payable by campaign check, is required along with completed application and may be returned by mail or in person.**

***** Each applicant is required to submit a Sign Authorization to the City of Bonita Springs Neighborhood Services Office, *for each agricultural, commercial or industrial uses, or adjacent vacant property sign. Signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in an area or six feet in height.***

Address where you wish to have the check returned: _____



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SIGN AUTHORIZATION

I, _____, as owner / authorized agent for a parcel of property located at: _____

STRAP #: _____

and used only as agricultural, commercial, industrial or adjacent vacant land authorize the following candidate: _____, to erect a sign on the above property. I understand that the sign will comply with all applicable City and County ordinances and will be removed within ten (10) days after the election.

Signature of owner / authorized agent

Work #: _____ Home #: _____



What is 811?

811 is the national number designated by the Federal Communications Commission to help protect do-it-yourselfers, landscapers and contractors from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects – large and small.

Why call 811?

Every digging project requires a call to 811. Hitting an underground utility line while digging can harm the environment, cause serious personal injuries, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially incur fines and repair costs.

When should people call 811?*

- Installing a rural mailbox
- Putting in a fence
- Planting trees or shrubbery
- Building a deck or patio
- Excavating a new garden area

* These are a few common examples of when to call. Do-it-yourselfers and contractors should call at least 2 Full Business Days before any digging project.

How does 811 work?

- One easy phone call to 811, at least 2 full business days prior to digging, starts the process of getting underground utility lines marked for free.
- When calling 811 from anywhere in the country, a representative from the appropriate local one-call center will answer the call to find out the location and description of the digging site and will notify affected utility companies, who will then send a professional locator to identify and mark the approximate location of lines within a few days of the call.
- Once underground lines have been marked, callers will know the approximate location of utility lines and can dig safely.
- Please visit www.call811.com, in the “state specific” area of the website, for more information about the 62 local one call centers across the country.

What happens if people don't call?

- Every nine minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.
- Knowing approximately where underground utility lines are buried before each digging project helps to prevent these situations.

Who is behind 811?

The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) is the leading association created specifically to work with all industry stakeholders in an effort to prevent damage to underground utility infrastructure and ensure public safety and environmental protection. Officially formed in 2000, CGA represents a continuation of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Common Ground Study. The CGA works with its 1,500 members and sponsors to promote the national 811, “Call Before You Dig” campaign. For more information, visit www.commongroundalliance.com.



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Notice to candidates for election to offices in the State of Florida

The Department of Transportation's Office of Right of Way would like to remind you of State Law regarding political campaign signs:

- (1) Signs placed on the state rights of way – Political campaign signs may not be placed in the right of way of any state or national highway [Chapter 479.11(8), Florida Statutes]. A joint effort by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Highway Patrol produced a brochure explaining that the unauthorized use of the public right of way is prohibited by Florida law. This brochure further outlines how the right of way is regulated and how to recognize the location of the right of way line. The brochure is available on our website, <http://www.fdot.gov/rightofway/>. Please feel free to print and copy the brochure for distribution. We recommend campaigns make this brochure required reading for volunteers who post candidate signage.
- (2) Signs placed on private property – Temporary political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner. Such signs do not require a permit under state law.

Please advise your campaign workers to ensure that signs are placed on private property. Signs placed on the state rights of way must be picked up by Department staff and placed in one of the Department's maintenance yards. We will make every effort to place a courtesy call to your campaign office advising of sign removal and the location of the maintenance yard where the signs have been stored.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Department's Outdoor Advertising Office in Tallahassee at (850) 414-4569.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A.J. Spalla". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

A.J. Jim Spalla, Director
Office of Right of Way