

CITY CODE

The display of signs is regulated throughout the city in order to prevent the visual clutter resulting from proliferation or inappropriate placement of signage.

To find answers to frequently asked questions about temporary sign regulations visit cityofthornton.net and search "temporary signs".

To view the Thornton City Code visit www.cityofthornton.net.

For questions about the city's code regarding signs contact the City Development Department at 303-538-7295 or email citydevelopment@cityofthornton.net.

A GUIDE TO Temporary Signs



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This brochure provides basic information about the display of temporary signs. The information provided does not apply to any other types of signs, which are regulated by separate sections of the Thornton City Code.

SIGN PLACEMENT

TEMPORARY SIGNS INCLUDE:

- Signs that can stand on their own installed with stakes or weights.
- Banners that are securely fastened to a house or other building.
- Banners or signs attached to fences, if the fence is at least five feet from the city's rights-of-way.
- Feather flags that are securely fastened to the ground.
- Signs that are placed in windows.

PLACEMENT:

- Signs may not be placed on sidewalks, streets, medians or roundabouts.
- A sign cannot be attached to another sign, tree, pole, utility box or vehicle.
- Signs should not block sidewalks, trails or driveways.
- Temporary signs may not be installed at city property, facilities or parks unless they are associated with a permit issued by the city for the use of the facility.

SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Temporary signs may be located on private property with the permission of the property owner.

Signs must be placed at least five feet from all property lines, and at least 25 feet away from intersections to ensure people can see oncoming traffic. If the sign is taller than five feet, then it must be placed at least the height of the sign away from the property lines.

There is no limit to the number of signs that can be displayed on private property, but the total area of all signs cannot exceed the maximum allowed by the Thornton City Code.

- Residents living on single-family lots less than one acre can display up to 72 square feet of signs with a maximum height of six feet.
- For limits for other properties, visit www.cityofthornton.net and search for "temporary signs" or contact the City Development Department at 303-538-7295.

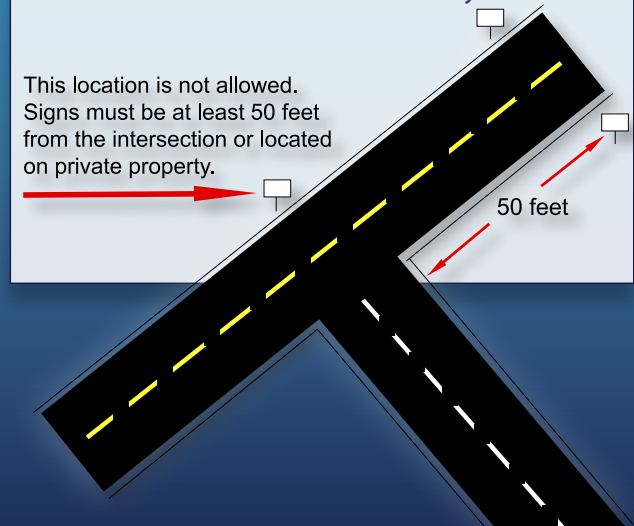
SIGNS IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

There is no limit to the number of signs that can be displayed in the public rights-of-way. However, signs may only be displayed beginning Friday at 5 a.m. and extending to 7 a.m. the following Monday.

In addition,

- A sign may be no larger than six square feet and be no taller than four feet.
- Nothing can be attached to the sign. Balloons, pennants, lighting or moving parts are not allowed.
- Signs must be placed at least 50 feet away from all intersections.
- Signs must be placed at least five feet back from the curb or edge of the road.
- Signs found in violation may be removed without notice and disposed of in accordance with Thornton City Code.

This location is not allowed. Signs must be at least 50 feet from the intersection or located on private property.



Balloons, air dancers, pennant strands and inflatable devices require a special event sign permit. Contact the City Development Department at 303-538-7295.