

Temporary Signs for Businesses and Special Events

Additional sign types and regulations can be found in the zoning ordinances, Sections 307 (Temporary Use Permits) and 405 (Signs). A summary of several common type of temporary signs is included here:

Special Event Signs: Allowed with a valid Temporary Use Permit, installed no more than 10 days before the event limited to the event site only.

Real Estate Signs: One sales sign limited to six (6) feet sq. in size is allowed in front of sales property only.

Yard Sale Signs: Off-premise yard sale signs are not allowed and may be removed from street and sidewalk locations where they create a safety hazard or have excessive size, number or duration.

New Project Identifications Sign: One freestanding sign per Street (40 sq. ft. max) allowed for approved new commercial project for up to one year.

City Codes and Ordinances

Information regarding property development regulations can be found in the Cottonwood Municipal Code and Zoning Ordinance.

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Summary of Key Regulations

- All temporary signs installed within the City of Cottonwood are subject to regulations.
- Some types of temporary signs require permits; some types are exempt from permits but still must meet requirements or they may be subject to removal.
- Informal temporary or portable signs are not allowed to be located on public sidewalks or within the public street, except for certain types of hand held commercial signs or portable signs on wide sidewalks which require a permit in every case. All other signs located in the street right-of-way are subject to removal.
- Cannot block pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Cannot be attached to utility poles, traffic signs or mechanical equipment.
- Cannot be located on private property without permission and proper approvals.

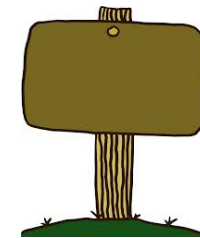
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What are the Temporary And Portable Sign Regulations?



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Introduction:

The City of Cottonwood requires permits for most types of signs, with a few exceptions, as indicated in the Zoning Ordinance. Signs must be structurally sound and observe all other requirements, including, but not limited to the following **(not a complete list)**:

- Well maintained appearance
- No flashing lights or animation
- Do not block traffic visibility
- Do not block sidewalks
- Required permits obtained and fees paid

Standards for temporary and portable signs can be found in the Cottonwood Zoning Ordinance:

Section 405 Signs and Section 307 Temporary Use Permits

these can be located on the City Website at: www.cottonwoodaz.gov/378/Zoning-Ordinance

Banner Regulations:

Banners are not allowed for General Commercial Signage.

Banners may be permitted for an approved Temporary Use with an approved temporary sign permit, subject

to time and size regulations for:

- Special Sales Events and Grand Openings
- Civic Events

A-Frame Signs:

One (1) A-Frame Sign

May be allowed with a valid permit for each business to be located directly in front of the business on the business property and limited to three (3) feet in height by two (2) feet in width. May not block pedestrian or vehicular traffic, and cannot be located on a side walk with the exception of Old Town.



Hand-Held & Walking Sign

Maximum one (1) hand held sign or walking sign may be allowed for each business located directly in front of the business. Maximum eight (8) feet in height. May not create traffic safety hazard. Permit required.

Temporary Promotional Signs:

Other types of promotional displays are generally prohibited. These types of signs may be considered for limited use for approved temporary uses or for special events, subject to a obtaining a Temporary Use Permit.

Exceptions:

Certain signs do not require a permit but still must meet maximum size requirements. Allowable duration and location requirements:

- Grand openings & re-openings
- Going out of Business Sales
- Campaign and Political Signs
- Property Sales and Rental Signs
- Charity Fundraising Signs
- Utility and Governmental Signs

Prohibited Temporary Signs:

- Off-Premise Advertising Signs
- Sign attached to Utility Poles and Traffic Control devices
- Balloons, Flag/Feather Banners, Pennants, Moving Signs.

Any Questions about Portable & Temporary Signs

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