



Community Development, Planning Division
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Temporary Signs in Right of Way and on Private Property

Applicability:

The City's Sign Code governs not only permanent signs but also temporary signs that can be placed in the right of way as well as on private property. There are regulations which govern the allowable sign area, the number of temporary signs allowed and the maximum duration a temporary sign may be displayed.

How do I Apply for a Temporary Sign Permit?

You can apply online at: <https://ci-gigharbor-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home> . Your permit is free, issued immediately and good for 30 days. A portion of your permit is to be cut off and taped to your signs to show proof of permit.

GHMC 17.80.110	Residential Zones	Non-Residential Zones
Temporary Sign(s) in Right-of-Way		
Placement	Within 100 feet from approved intersections (see official map of intersections)	
Size	Limit (4) sq. ft. per side, no more than 8 sq. ft. total	Limit (6) sq. ft. per side, no more than 12 sq. ft. total
Height	Do not exceed (3) feet in height from the ground where displayed	
Location	Allowed in areas identified on Directors Official Map for Temporary Signs NOT ALLOWED IN: roundabouts; medians; shoulders; travel lanes; and areas of the public right-of-way that are not accessible by a sidewalk or pedestrian walking path;	
Permit Required	Yes, good for 30 days, permit must be displayed on sign face	
Rules	Sign owner must have permission from the abutting property owner	
Exceptions	Along with the standards above signs on Harborview Drive from Soundview Dr. to Rosedale St., and on North Harborview Drive from Finholm Market to Peacock Hill are authorized to exceed the 100 feet from intersections with an approved encroachment permit in addition to Temporary Sign Permit	
Temporary Sign(s) on Private Property		
Residential Use		
Number of Signs Allowed	Limit (4) signs visible from public right of way per lot	Limit (1) sign visible from public right of way per tenant space
Size	Limit to (6) sq. ft. per side, no more than 12 sq. ft. in total	Limit to (6) sq. ft. per side, no more than 12 sq. ft. in total
Height	Do not exceed (6) ft. in height from ground	Do not exceed (3) ft. in height from ground
Permit Required	No Permit Required	
Non-Residential Use		
Number of Signs Allowed	Limit (4) signs visible from right of way per lot	Limit (1) sign visible from right of away per tenant space
Size	Total size of all signs combined is limited to (6) sq. ft., in case of double-sided signs, 12 sq. ft. is allowed	Limit to (6) sq. ft. per side, no more than 12 sq. ft. in total
Height	Do not exceed (3) feet in height from the ground where displayed	
Rules	Must have property owners consent	
Permit Required	No permit required	