



# Staff Report

## Text Amendment

Case #: TA-2018-09-00013

### Attachments:

Staff Report, Current UDC & Proposed Change

Zoning Commission Public Hearing: Thursday, October 4, 2018

City Council Introduction: Tuesday October 9, 2018

City Council Final: Tuesday October 23, 2018

### **City Council Request (Ordinance):**

Introduction of an Ordinance to amend UDC Ordinance#14-5364 Article 13.1.10 Temporary signs D) Political Campaign signs (TA-2018-09-00013) CC Gaiennie

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

FOR: CC Gaienne (Building Official)

AGAINST: NONE

#### COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend Approval (2-1)

FOR: Stanley Young, Matt Sandifer

AGAINST: Jeffrey Smith

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Jimmy Meyer, William Travis

premise signs shall be limited to forty (40) square feet in area (per sign face) and do not need to meet the spacing requirements of subsection (e) above.

G. "Piggybacking" (signs on top of one another) of signs will not be allowed.

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C. It should be noted that this article allows many types of temporary signs that do not need approval from the building official. An example would be a business that announces a special sale with a temporary sign on their building or on an approved pole or mobile sign. Such signs do not need prior approval. Real estate, contractor signs, and political campaign signs are also examples of temporary signs that do not need prior written approval from the city when installed according to the guidelines of this article.

D. Political campaign signs are all considered temporary and must be removed within twenty (20) days after an election. These signs are not allowed on public right-of-way, public buildings, public parks, utility poles, or on public trees and may at any time be removed from the public property by the city. Before signs are installed prior to an election each candidate which seeks to install signs within Hammond's corporate limits will post a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) bond with the zoning clerk at City Hall. Such bond will be held by the city in escrow and returned to the candidate within five (5) working days after the election if the candidate removes his own campaign signs within twenty (20) days.

### **13.1.11 Signs for which a permit is not required**

A. Sign permits and approval from the building official's office is not required for the following types of signs:

(1) Public signs relating to traffic, warning, or informational purposes.

(2) Indoor signs or window signs (inside or out).

(3) On-premise signs attached to any commercial or industrial building where such buildings are not located within the Hammond Historical District or in residentially zoned districts, and are not prohibited or rooftop signs.

(4) Political campaign signs that are on privately owned property and are within size limitations allowed in that district.

(5) Real estate sale signs, temporary construction signs, garage and yard sale signs on private property and within size limitations allowed.

(6) Flags of any governmental entity that are set back from the right-of-way at least twenty (20) feet. (Must be permitted if used for commercial promotion.)

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