

City Of Salina

Political Sign Information – Fall 2019



The following information was developed for candidates and campaign committees in response to the placement of political signs.

City Of Salina – Section 42-508

Under Salina Municipal Code, political signs are considered temporary signs. Generally, at all times throughout the year, Salina Code Section 42-508 authorizes the placement and display of:

- Two temporary yard signs on each parcel of private property within the city of Salina, with the consent of the property owner.

Temporary signs may not:

- Be placed in the Right-of-Way or on Public Property.
- Exceed 6 feet in height or 8 square feet of sign area in residential zoning districts.
- Exceed 6 feet in height or 32 square feet of sign area in non-residential zoning districts.

State of Kansas- KSA 25-2711

However, during the 45-day period prior to an election within the City of Salina, K.S.A. 25-2711 preempts the City from “regulating or prohibiting the placement of or the number of political signs on private property or the unpaved right-of-way for city streets or county roads on private property.”

Therefore, during the period in which the state law applies:

- An unlimited number of yard signs may be displayed.
- City size and setback distance still apply.

Primary Election

This election year, there will be no primary election within the city of Salina for any federal, state, or local candidates or issues.

- Accordingly, K.S.A. 25-2711 will not apply during the 45-day period leading up to the primary election that would have otherwise occurred on August 6, 2019.
- During this period, temporary yard signs will remain subject to the limitations and requirements of Section 42-508, as discussed above, and yard signs may not be displayed in the public right-of-way.

Regular Election

However, commencing on September 21, 2019, and during the subsequent 45-day period leading up to the November 5, 2019 general election within the City of Salina, K.S.A. 25-2711 will apply:

- Property owners may display an unlimited number of temporary yard signs, including placement in the eligible portions of unpaved right-of-way, subject to the size limitations discussed above, and any setback requirements imposed by the City.

In anticipation of the 45-day period commencing on September 21, 2019, City staff is reviewing potential amendment to Salina Code Section 42-508 for purposes of updating and clarifying the provisions applicable to yard signs during election season. We will provide additional information regarding those efforts as it becomes available.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Community and Development Services Department at (785) 309-5715 if you have any questions regarding the City of Salina’s sign regulations.