



POLITICAL OR CAMPAIGN SIGNS

8-10-6: SIGNS

13. Political Or Campaign Signs: In addition to signage otherwise authorized by this chapter, political or campaign signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on election ballots are allowed as follows:

a. Said signs for all candidates, regardless of participation in a primary election, may not be erected earlier than thirty (30) days prior to a primary election and shall be removed by the Monday following a general election. Candidates who lose a primary election shall remove signs by the Monday following the primary election. Signs relating to elections on special issues may be installed and must be removed on the same basis.

b. Any one sign shall not exceed sixty four (64) square feet in aggregate area and, if freestanding, shall not exceed eight feet (8') in height. Such sign shall not be erected in a manner as to constitute a roof sign. Signs may not be placed on public property, in a public right of way or in any place which would impede traffic visibility or safety. Signs along unimproved roadways may not be placed closer than ten feet (10') to the edge of the paved surface.

c. Campaign signs may not be placed closer than one hundred fifty feet (150') to buildings where any official voting station is located.

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10.32.180 TEMPORARY SIGNS, FLAGS AND BANNERS

Businesses may, with a special permit issued by the planning commission, use flags or banners on any number of parking area light poles or separate poles in conjunction with special sales events. The planning commission shall use the following criteria for approval/revocation of temporary signs, flags or banners: (Ord. 040202, 4-2-2002; amd. 2003 Code)

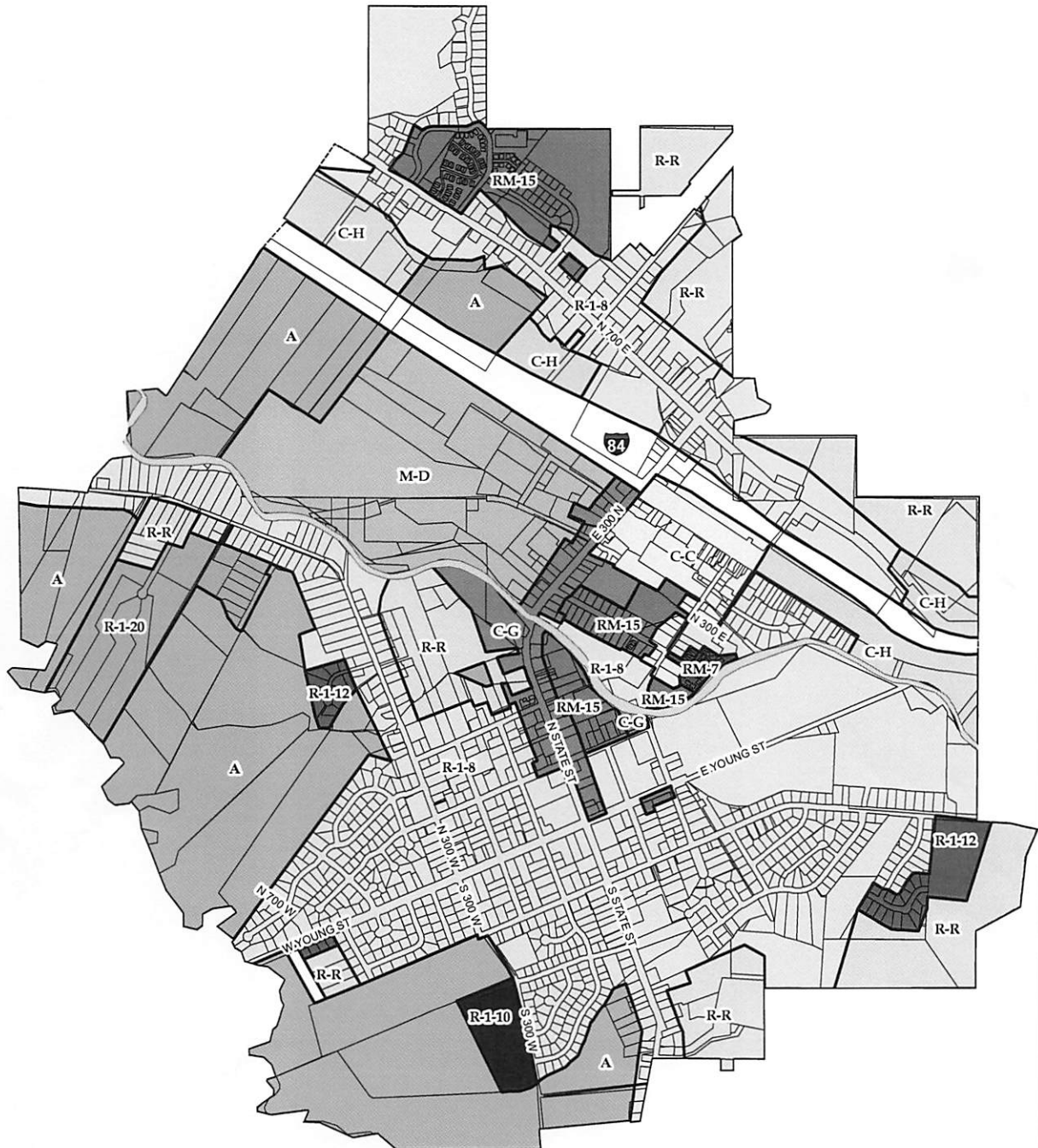
- A. The applicant shall present to the planning commission drawings, representations or other types of visual aid to ensure that what is approved will accomplish the intent of the planning commission.
- B. The applicant shall provide sizes and numbers of all flags or banners.
- C. The proposal must be in harmony with neighboring development in terms of size, color and volume.
- D. Temporary signs shall not be in any landscaping, affixed to any utility pole, boundary fence, or object, within a public right of way except as allowed in this title for public service signs.
- E. The planning commission has the right to revoke the permit if the applicant has misrepresented any aspect of the proposal or the flags/banners become tattered or discolored, or the applicant has violated any provisions of this code. Appeals of a determination shall be heard by the planning commission. (Ord. 040202, 4-2-2002)

F. Campaign signs shall meet the following requirements:

- 1. Posting On Public Right Of Way: It shall be lawful for any person to post a campaign sign in the area between the sidewalk and curb and gutter or within any right of way but not closer than five feet (5') of roadway of any public street except that no sign over two feet (2') in height may be placed in any clear view area. No campaign sign may be attached to any utility pole within a public right of way. No campaign sign may overhang the travelway or sidewalk in a public right of way.
- 2. Posting Time Limits: It shall be unlawful for any person to post a campaign sign more than sixty (60) days prior to the election for which the sign is posted, and it shall be unlawful to fail to remove a campaign sign within five (5) days after the election for which the sign is posted.
- 3. Limitation Of Campaign Signs: In any R (residential) zone, said campaign sign, or combination of said signs, shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area, per lot, and in any A (agricultural) zones, said campaign sign, or combination of said signs, shall not exceed thirty two (32) square feet in area per parcel. If detached, said signs shall not exceed six feet (6') in height in residential zones and twelve feet (12') in height in agricultural zones. In C (commercial) and M (manufacturing) zoning districts campaign signs or a combination of said signs, shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area per lot, nor shall any such sign exceed twelve feet (12') in height.
- 4. Removal Of Illegal Campaign Signs: Any authorized agent of Morgan City shall be authorized to remove any campaign sign found posted within the corporate limits of the city when such sign is in violation of the provisions of this section. For the purpose of removing campaign signs the authorized agents are empowered to take all steps necessary to remove the unauthorized sign, including, but not limited to, enlisting the aid or assistance of any other department of the city, and to secure legal process to the end that all such signs shall be expeditiously removed from any property where posted.
- 5. Notice: Upon discovery of the violating sign, the authorized agent shall immediately notify by telephone, the candidate, committee or person responsible for posting of any sign in violation of this section, the location of the sign and that the sign must be removed within five (5) working days. If the address or phone number of the person responsible for the violating sign is not known, the sign shall be removed under the provisions as set forth in subsection F4 of this section.

6. **Storage And Return:** If after five (5) days of notice given under subsection F5 of this section, any political sign has not been removed, the authorized agent shall remove said campaign sign and keep a record of the location from which the sign was removed. He/she shall store the sign in a safe location for at least thirty (30) days. The authorized agent shall return any campaign sign upon payment of the fee provided in subsection F7 of this section.
7. **Removal Of Sign Charge:** The city shall be entitled to receive the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for every campaign sign removed by the authorized agent to cover the expense of removal, notice and storage. In cases where unusual effort is needed to remove a sign additional fees may be charged.
8. **Persons Responsible:** In a campaign for political office, the candidate for such office shall be deemed the person responsible for posting of campaign signs, unless he/she first notifies the city recorder of another person who is responsible. In such case, the candidate shall provide the name, address, telephone number, and signed consent of such other responsible person. In a campaign regarding a ballot measure, the president of the committee supporting or opposing such ballot measure shall be deemed responsible, unless he/she first notifies the city recorder in the manner described above. The candidate, or in the case of a ballot measure, the committee president or other responsible person if so designated, shall be liable to pay any fees or costs for the removal and storage of illegal signs, as set out herein. Further, such candidate, committee president, or other designated person, shall be subject to prosecution for any violation of this chapter.
9. **Illegal Signs, Public Nuisance:** Campaign signs in violation of this section are hereby declared to be public nuisances, and may be abated as such by the city. The collection of removal fees shall not preclude the city from prosecuting any person for violating this chapter.
10. **Appeal:** Any person deemed responsible under this subsection shall have a right to appeal any civil penalty levied under subsection F7 of this section to the city council. (Ord. 05-18, 10-11-2005)

Morgan City Zoning



Map by Small Town GIS
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Not to scale.



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Zoning Districts

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| A - Agriculture | R-1-12 - Single Family Residential |
| C-C - Central Commercial | R-1-20 - Single Family Residential |
| C-G - General Commercial | R-1-8 - Single Family Residential |
| C-H - Highway Commercial | R-R - Rural Residential |
| M-D - Manufacturing and Distribution | RM-15 - Multiple Family Residential |
| R-1-10 - Single Family Residential | RM-7 - Multiple Family Residential |