

Temporary Non-Commercial Signs

The sections below are excerpts of the City of Sunrise Land Development Code, Chapter 16, Article XIV-Signs. Additional regulations regarding signs are available upon request or at:

https://library.municode.com/fl/sunrise/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=SPBLADECO

Section 16-253. Temporary signs.

(a) Only the following temporary signs shall be permitted:

| | Residential District | Nonresidential District |
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| Non-commercial | | |
| •Area maximum | <p style="text-align: center;">8 sq. ft.</p> <p>Vacant parcels of undeveloped land over 3 acres may have 2 signs, maximum of 16 sq. ft. For properties adjacent to I-595, I-75 and Sawgrass Expressway, maximum sign area is increased to 64 sq. ft. with a minimum font height of 8 inches, and signage must be located on premise facing the interstate right-of-way. An additional 8 sq. ft. of temporary noncommercial signage may be posted during the 90 calendar days prior to any federal, municipal, state, or county election.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">32 sq. ft.</p> <p>Vacant parcels of undeveloped land over 3 acres may have 2 signs, maximum of 64 sq. ft. Corner lots may have 32 sq. ft on each side of a building which fronts the public right-of-way.</p> <p>For properties adjacent to I-595, I-75 and Sawgrass Expressway, maximum sign area is increased to 64 sq. ft. with a minimum font height of 8 inches, and signage must be located on premise facing the interstate right-of-way.</p> <p>An additional 16 sq. ft. of temporary noncommercial signage may be posted during the 90 calendar days prior to any municipal, federal, state, or county election.</p> |
| •Length of display | <p style="text-align: center;">90 days</p> <p>The date of posting must be indicated on the sign</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">90 days</p> <p>The date of posting must be indicated on the sign</p> |
| •Height maximum above grade | 6 ft. | 8 ft. |
| •Setback minimum | 10 ft. from right-of-way | 10 ft. from right-of-way |

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Section 16-254. Supplemental regulations.

- (h) *Nuisance.*
 - (1) *Illumination:* No illuminated signs shall impact a residential district in such a way that the illumination increases the footcandle at the property line of the residential district or creates a nuisance to residents as determined by the director of community development or his/her designee. Nuisance shall not include the text of the sign.
 - (2) *Signs on or extending over public property or public right-of-way:* No sign of any kind shall be permitted to be erected upon public property or public right-of-way, or upon private property and extend into or above, or be anchored or placed, in public property or any portion of the right-of-way of a city street or public sidewalk.
 - (3) No sign shall be within a sight triangle, pursuant to section 16-168.

Sec. 16-259. - Removal of improper signs.

- (a) *Types of violations.* The code enforcement division shall cause to be removed any sign that endangers the public safety such as an abandoned, dangerous or defective sign or an unlawful sign, i.e., a sign for which no permit has been issued, a prohibited sign or a sign which does not comply with the requirements set forth in this Code.
- (b) *Private signs attached to public structures or placed on public property or rights-of-way.* These signs are prohibited, and are subject to removal by code enforcement without compliance with the following notice and appeal procedures, and without a showing of an emergency or danger. For those signs with only negligible value, the signs are subject to immediate destruction by code enforcement. For those signs with more than negligible value, actual notice will be provided to whoever is identified on the sign that they can reclaim their sign and the sign will be stored for no more than fifteen (15) days. Action under this subsection is not subject to appeal to the city commission pursuant to subsection (e) below.
- (c) *Notice.* For sign violations other than those addressed in (b), the code enforcement division shall prepare a notice which shall describe the sign and specify the violation involved and which shall state that if the sign is not removed or the violation is not corrected within fifteen (15) days, the sign may be removed by the city in accordance with the provisions of this section. All notice mailed by the code enforcement division shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. Any time periods provided in the section shall be deemed to commence on the date of the receipt of the certified mail.

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- (d) *Recipient.* The notice shall be mailed to the owner of the property on which the sign is located as shown on the last equalized assessment roll. If known, or with reasonable care shown be known, the notice shall be mailed to or delivered to the owner of the sign and the occupant of the property.
- (e) *Appeal.* Any person having an interest in the sign or the property may appeal the determination of the code enforcement division ordering removal or compliance by filing a written notice of appeal with the city commission of the City of Sunrise within fifteen (15) days after the date of receiving said notice. The city commission shall hear the appeal and render a decision within thirty (30) days after the date of receiving the written notice of appeal. If the city commission does not grant the appeal, then the appellant may seek relief in the Circuit Court for Broward County, as provided by law.
- (f) *Emergency.* Notwithstanding the above, the code enforcement division may cause the immediate removal of any dangerous, defective, or unlawful sign without notice being served, in accordance with section 16-260 below.

Sec. 16-260. - Emergency removal of signs by city.

When it is determined by the code enforcement division that a sign would cause an imminent danger to the public safety, and contact cannot be made with a sign owner or building owner, no written notice shall have to be served. In this emergency situation, the code enforcement division may correct the danger by repair or removal, all costs being assessed as contained in the following subsections (1)-(7):

- (1) The notice given by the code enforcement division shall state not only the remedial action required to be taken, but shall also state that if such action is not taken within the time limits set forth in this article, the cost of correcting the unlawful feature of the sign or removing the sign may be assessed against the property on which the sign is located, together with the additional five (5) percent for inspection and incidental costs, and an additional ten (10) percent penalty for the cost of collection, and collected in the same manner as real estate taxes against the property. The owner of the premises or sign shall also be prosecuted for violating this Code.
- (2) If it shall be necessary for the code enforcement division to remove a sign pursuant to the provisions hereof, bids shall be taken when the estimated costs of demolition exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). When completed, the code enforcement division shall certify to the clerk the legal description of the property upon which the work, was done, together with the name of the owner thereof, as shown by the tax rolls of the City of

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Sunrise, together with a statement of work performed, the date of performance, and the cost thereof.

- (3) Upon receipt of such statement, the clerk shall mail a notice to the owner of said premises as shown by the tax rolls, at the address shown upon the tax rolls, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, notifying such owner that the work has been performed pursuant to this Code, stating the date of performance of the work, the nature of the work, and demanding payments of the costs thereof (as certified by the code enforcement division), together with five (5) percent for the inspection and the other incidental costs in connection therewith. Such notice shall state that if said amount is not paid within thirty (30) days of mailing the notice, it shall become an assessment upon a lien against the property of said owner, describing the same, and will be certified as an assessment against the property, together with a ten (10) percent penalty, for collection in the same manner as the real estate taxes upon the property.
- (4) If the clerk shall not receive payment with a period of thirty (30) days following the receipt of each notice, the city commission may enact a resolution assessing the whole cost of such work, including the five (5) percent for inspection and other incidental costs in connection therewith upon the lots and tracts of land from which the sign has been removed, together with a ten (10) percent penalty for the cost of collection.
- (5) Following passage of such resolution, the clerk shall certify the same to the finance department, who shall collect the assessment.
- (6) Each such assessment shall be a lien against such lot or tract of land assessed, until paid.
- (7) Any sign removed by the code enforcement division pursuant to the provisions of this section shall become the property of the city and may be disposed of in any manner deemed appropriate by the city. The cost of removal of the sign by the city shall be considered a debt owed to the city by the owner of the property, and may be recovered in an appropriate court action by the city or by assessment against the property as hereinafter provided. The cost of removal shall include any and all incidental expense incurred by the city in connection with the sign's removal.