

## EXPLANATION OF POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

The City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO – Chapter 23) categorizes political signs as temporary *non-commercial* signs, therefore they are exempt from a permit.

There are regulations in the UDO (Article 13.04.13) regarding restrictions on size, height, and display time, which are summarized below:

- Temporary non-commercial ground or wall signs cannot exceed sixteen (16) square feet on residential zoned properties and forty (40) square feet on residential zoned properties with non-residential uses, commercial zoned properties, and industrial zoned properties.
- Temporary non-commercial ground signs cannot exceed six (6) feet in height.
- The Illinois State Law (Public Act 096-0904) prohibits municipalities from placing time restrictions on the display of outdoor political campaign signs on residential property. For non-residential property, political campaign signs fall under the temporary non-commercial sign regulations in the UDO and the display time would be limited to ninety (90) days per calendar year and signs are to be removed seven (7) days after the event (election).
- Signs must be placed on private property and not in the public right-of-way or on public property.
- Signs cannot block visibility for motorists and cannot violate the Sight Distance Triangle regulations in the UDO (Article 7.10).

For more information, please contact the City of DeKalb Building Department at (815) 748-2073.