

ORDINANCE NO. 15-07

ROLL CALL

VOTING	YES	NO
MAYOR JOE L THOMAS <i>(votes only in case of tie)</i>		
G. WAYNE ANDERSEN <i>Councilmember</i>	X	
MATTHEW D. BARBER <i>Councilmember</i>	Absent	
STEVE LEIFSON <i>Councilmember</i>	X	
SETH V. SORENSEN <i>Councilmember</i>	X	
CHRIS C. WADSWORTH <i>Councilmember</i>	Absent	

I MOVE this ordinance be adopted: Councilman Andersen

I SECOND the foregoing motion: Councilman Leifson

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGN REQUIREMENTS
CONCERNING POLITICAL SIGNS**

WHEREAS, Spanish Fork City has adopted a sign ordinance which regulates signs,
including political signs; and

WHEREAS, the City finds a need to make information more readily available concerning
candidates for local office (city council and mayor); and

WHEREAS, the City can be of assistance in making information more readily available,
while remaining neutral about the qualifications and platforms of each candidate ;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Spanish Fork City Council as

follows:

I.

Spanish Fork Municipal Code §5.36.050(7) is hereby amended by repealing subparagraph c and deleting the reference to political signs in the heading as follows:

- 7. Non-commercial Signs.
 - a. and b. [no change]
 - c. repealed

II.

Spanish Fork Municipal Code §5.36.050(8) is hereby created, to be entitled “Political Signs” and shall read as follows:

- 8. Political Signs.
 - a. In agricultural, residential, and residence office zoning districts, political signs shall have a maximum area of six (6) square feet and a maximum height of five (5) feet.
 - b. In commercial office, commercial, and industrial zoning districts, political signs shall have a maximum area of thirty-two (32) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.
 - c. During odd numbered years when a municipal election is being held, Spanish Fork City will designate eight (8) locations of City owned property within the City limits where City Council and Mayoral candidates may post signs, in accordance with the following rules and regulations:
 - i. The city manager, city elections officer, city attorney, and city planner are authorized to designate the eight (8) locations during each municipal election year, and notify the Council of their selections. The Council may modify the locations, if they choose.
 - ii. The building and grounds department shall designate the exact locations on the property where signs may be posted, in order to minimize damage to landscaping, sprinklers, and to minimize maintenance requirements. Where feasible, hanging signs on fencing is the preferred method of posting signs.
 - iii. Each council or mayoral candidate may post one sign at each designated location.
 - iv. Signs may not exceed twenty-four inches by eighteen inches (24" x 18"). Signs are to be of a flat surface. No banners, flags, balloons, flyers, or other materials may be used which create anything other than a flat surface. Signs posted in the ground shall be a maximum distance from the ground to the bottom of the sign of three feet. Signs posted on fences are to be placed at a uniform height, as designated by the City.
 - v. Signs may be posted 30 days prior to a primary or general election, and must be removed within two days following the election. Signs not removed in a timely manner will be disposed of by the City. Signs may not be posted more than 30 days prior to the applicable election.
 - vi. Candidates may place their signs, in the designated areas, on a first come, first served basis. Grounds crews may remove the signs, on a temporary basis, for mowing or other maintenance reasons. They shall not be required to place them back in the same location. The

City shall not be responsible for lost or damaged signs.

vii. No sign may disparage other candidates, but may only be used to present that candidate's views on the election issues. The City is not responsible for the content on the signs. No candidate is to interfere with the other signs.

d. Signs identifying a location as a polling place may be placed ten (10) days prior to an election. Such signs shall not support a candidate or cause, but merely identify the polling place and provide other general information about the upcoming election. If the polling place is not on City property, permission from the property owner must be obtained prior to posting the sign. The property owner may designate the location to place such a sign in order to avoid damage to landscaping, sprinklers, or for ease of maintenance of the grounds.

e. A violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.

III.

In order to accommodate the current election, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City, this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication.

PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SPANISH FORK, UTAH, this 4th day of September, 2007.

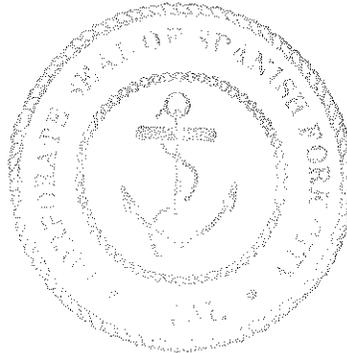


JOE L THOMAS, Mayor

ATTEST:



KENT R. CLARK, City Recorder



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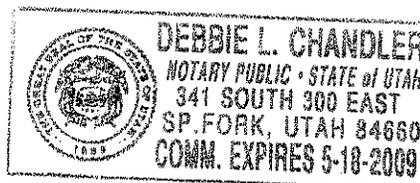
And the last on the 13 day

of September 2007

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PUBLIC NOTICE	City limits where City Council and	primary or general election, and must be removed within
ORDINANCE	Mayoral candidates may post signs. ... The building and grounds department shall designate the exact locations on the property where signs may be posted. ... Each council or mayoral candidate may post one sign at each designated location. Signs may not exceed twenty-four inches by eighteen inches (24" x 18"). Signs are to be of a flat surface. ... Signs may be posted 30 days prior to a	two days following the election. ... Signs identifying a location as a polling place may be placed ten (10) days prior to an election. ... A violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at the Spanish Fork City Office, 40 South Main, Spanish Fork.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of September 2007

Debbie L. Chandler
Notary Public