Proposed Temporary Sign Standards for Window and Yard Signs per October 28, 2020 Town Council Work Session

Sign Type	Lots with Residential Land Use	Lots with Non-Residential Land Use	Maximum Duration	
Window Signs	25% of total area of single window	25% of total area of single window	Unlimited 60 days per sign	
Yard Signs	Maximum total sign area of 12 square feet with maximum 4 square feet for any single sign	Maximum total sign area of 24 square feet with maximum 12 square feet for any single sign	Unlimited 60 days per sign	
Yard Signs, Short Duration	Maximum total sign area of 21 square feet with maximum 4 square feet for any single sign	Maximum total sign area of 24 square feet with maximum 12 square feet for any single sign	30 days	
Yard Signs, Limited Duration	Maximum total sign area of 54 square feet with maximum 6 square feet for any single sign	Maximum total sign area of 54 square feet with maximum 6 square feet for any single sign	7 5 days per sign	
Yard Signs, Non- Commercial (Construction, For Sale, Rent, or Lease)	Maximum total sign area of 12 square feet	Maximum total sign area of 32 square feet	During duration of construction, sale, rent or lease	

Planning Commission Recommended Temporary Sign Table

Zoning District	Land Use	Banners	Window Signs	Yard Signs	Duration	
RS-10, RS-12.5, RS-16,	Residential,	Maximum area:	Lesser of 25% of	12 square feet for	Banners and yard signs: 90 days; Yard signs, for	
RM-2, RTH, PR, PC	Parks, and	24 square feet	window area or 10	any single sign	sale or rent: during the duration of construction	
	Institutions		square feet		or sale	
C-1, C-1A, C-1B*, C-2,	Commercial	Maximum area:	Lesser of 25% of	16 square feet for	Banners, window signs and yard signs: 90 days;	
MAC, CM, CMP, T	and	32 square feet	window area or 10	any single sign	Yard signs, for sale or rent: during the duration	
	Industrial		square feet		of construction or sale	

^{*}Note: C-1B Church Street Vision Design guidelines for signs provided in section 18-87.5.K.

Comparison of Other Jurisdictions Temporary Sign Standards

Jurisdiction	Residential Uses	Non-Residential Uses	Construction, For Rent or Sale	Window Signs	Duration
Fairfax County	Yard signs on any lot with a residential use cannot exceed 12 square feet in total area, with no single sign exceeding 4 square feet in area, height of 4 feet (includes window signs)	Lots on major thoroughfare: building-mounted and freestanding signs (2 per lot) not to exceed 32 square feet in total area per lot, max height of 4 feet Others: building mounted and freestanding signs (2 per lot) not to exceed 24 square feet in total area per lot, max height of 4 feet	For rent/sale: 6 square feet single-family For rent/sale: 12 square feet multi-family For rent/sale: 32 square feet non- residential and large residential New residential, commercial or industrial construction: 60 square feet Single family improvement, renovation or construction: 4 square feet	For non- residential uses if total of all signs does not cover more than 30% of total area of the window in which the signs are located	No time limit unless stated (i.e., construction, for rent or sale)
Herndon	One or more temporary signs noncommercial with a total area of no more than 12 square feet	Up to 2 minor signs per parcel (limited to 2 square feet each)	No specific standards – see residential and non-residential uses	25% of total area of the window	90 days
Falls Church	Up to 3 noncommercial temporary signs, not exceeding 4 feet in height nor 4 square feet in area for each sign. Yard signs shall not be considered commercial signs.	Up to 3 noncommercial temporary signs, not exceeding 4 feet in height nor 4 square feet in area for each sign. Yard signs shall not be considered commercial signs.	One temporary sale, rent, lease, build-to-sign, or sign announcing future construction, not exceeding 6 square feet in area in any R district, or 16 square feet in area in any other district; cannot exceed 6 feet in height 32 square feet non-residential construction	25% of area of transparent glass on that pane	60 days
Fairfax City	Political and non-commercial message signs: Not to exceed 10 square feet in residential districts; Limited to maximum 1 sign per street frontage; Not to exceed 5 feet in height	Announcement or promotional signs: Not to exceed 32 square feet Political and non-commercial signs: Not to exceed 32 square feet in nonresidential districts; Limited to maximum 1 sign per street frontage; Not to exceed 5 feet in height	Construction signs: Not to exceed 10 square feet in residential districts (1 per residential unit), 32 square feet in nonresidential districts (max total of 2 such signs per development); Not to exceed 5 feet in height Real estate signs: Not to exceed 10 square feet in residential districts, 32 square feet in nonresidential districts; Limited to maximum 1 sign per street frontage; Not to exceed 5 feet in height	No specific standards	90 days