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Guide to Temporary Real Estate Signs

Key Information

On May 16, 2017, the Sammamish City Council passed Ordinance [O2017-436](#), which includes new regulations related to real estate signs.

Under the sign regulations adopted under Ordinance O2017-436, most regulations related to temporary real estate signs did not change; however, in some cases the number of allowed signs, permitted sign size, and permitted location have changed.

General Guidelines – Property for Sale or Rent

1 Property with Individual Unit for Sale or Rent

- One sign may be placed on each public or private street frontage of the property.
- Sign must be removed within five days of closing of sale, lease, or rental.
- Sign may be up to 8 square feet in size and 6 feet in height.
- Properties without public street frontage may place one 6 square feet sign in the public right-of-way adjacent to the intersection of the primary vehicle entrance to the property and closest public street. See SMC 21A.45.070(4) for more details.

2 Open House Signs

- Signs announcing an open house may be placed only when the agent or seller is in attendance at the property for sale or rent.
- Open house signs may be up to 6 square feet in size and 3.5 feet in height.
- Open house signs must be placed in accordance with SMC 21A.45.070.

3 Signs Related to New Residential Developments

- Newly constructed residential developments with homes for sale may place one temporary sign on its public or private street frontage.
 - This sign may be up to 32 square feet in size and 12 feet in height.
- Newly constructed residential developments with homes for sale may place two directional signs to the development either on private property (with permission from the landowner) or in the public right-of-way.
 - This sign may be up to 16 square feet in size.

4 Signs Related to Commercial or Industrial Property for Sale or Rent

- Property with commercial or industrial property for sale or rent may place one temporary sign on its public or private street frontage.
 - This sign may be up to 32 square feet in size and 12 feet in height.

Examples of Temporary Real Estate Signs

Note: all pictures are examples of sign types and are for illustration only



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 - Sign may be up to 8 square feet in size and 6 feet in height.
 - Sign must be removed within five days of closing of sale, lease, or rental.
- Properties without public street frontage may place one 6 square foot sign in the right-of-way adjacent to the intersection of the property's primary vehicle entrance and closest public street.



Open House Signs

- May be placed only when the agent or seller is in attendance at the property for sale or rent.
 - May be up to 6 square feet in size and up to 3.5 feet in height.
- May not be placed in medians, traffic circles, or sidewalks, pursuant to SMC 21A.45.070.



Signs Related to New Residential Developments

- One temporary sign on its public or private street frontage allowed.
 - May be up to 32 square feet in size and up to 12 feet in height.
- Two directional signs to a new development with homes for sale are allowed either on private property (with permission from the landowner) or in the public right-of-way.
 - May be up to 16 square feet in size.

Note: the full text of the City's sign regulations can be found in Chapters 21A.45 and 21B.45 of the Sammamish Municipal Code.