

# GUIDE TO TEMPORARY REAL ESTATE SIGNS

## Guide Overview

This guide provides helpful information related to temporary real estate signs.

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**Code Reference**  
Chapter 21A.45.70 SMC

## ABOUT TEMPORARY REAL ESTATE SIGNS

In 2017 the Sammamish City Council passed Ordinance O2017-436, which includes new regulations related to real estate signs. While most regulations related to temporary real estate signs did not change under the sign regulations adopted under Ordinance O2017-436, there are some changes to the number of allowed signs, permitted sign size, and permitted locations.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES – PROPERTY FOR SALE OR RENT

	SIGN PLACEMENT	SIGN QUANTITY	SIGN SIZE & HEIGHT
<b>PROPERTY WITH INDIVIDUAL UNIT FOR SALE OR RENT</b>	On public or private street frontage* Must be removed within 5 days of closing	One sign on each street frontage of the property	Up to 8 square feet & 6 feet high
<b>OPEN HOUSE SIGNS</b>	For active open houses only when agent or seller is at the property	Up to 4 off-premises directional signs per development	Up to 6 square feet & 3.5 feet high
<b>SIGNS RELATED TO NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH HOMES FOR SALE</b>	On public or private street frontage	One temporary sign on each street frontage of the property	Up to 32 square feet & 12 feet high
	On private property (with land-owner permission) or in the public right-of-way	Up to 2 directional signs	Up to 16 square feet & 6 feet high

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## EXAMPLES OF TEMPORARY REAL ESTATE SIGNS

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

### PROPERTY WITH INDIVIDUAL UNIT FOR SALE OR RENT



- One sign may be placed on public or private street frontage.
- 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.
- Signs cannot be placed in front of city owned properties, for example: storm ponds, parks or city hall.

### OPEN HOUSE SIGNS



- May place no more than 4 off-premises directional signs for an active open house per development.
- 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 cannot be placed in front of city owned properties, for example: storm ponds, parks or city hall.

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### SIGNS RELATED TO NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

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- 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.
- Signs cannot be placed in front of city owned properties, for example: storm ponds, parks or city hall.