

ORDINANCE NO. 627

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, BILLBOARDS AND SIGNS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING CURRENT SUBCHAPTER 4.800 AND ADOPTING A NEW SUBCHAPTER 4.800 PERTAINING TO POLITICAL, CHURCH AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SIGNS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDCREST, TEXAS that Chapter 4, Billboards and Signs, is amended by repealing the current subchapter 4.800.

BE IT FURTHERMORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDCREST, TEXAS that Chapter 4, Billboards and Signs, is amended by adopting a new subchapter 4.800 as follows:

"Subchapt. 4.800 POLITICAL SIGNS AND TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR CHURCH AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Sec. 4.801 TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR CHURCH AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Permits for temporary signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet which comply with the requirements of this chapter shall be issued without charge for church and non-profit organization events.

Sec. 4.802 POLITICAL SIGNS DEFINED

Political signs are signs which advocate or support one or more candidates for elective office, or causes, positions, beliefs or views.

Sec. 4.803 MOBILE SIGNS FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS ARE PROHIBITED

Mobile, portable or vehicular political signs, except bumper stickers, are prohibited. Political signs that are transported from one location to another must be covered during transport so the message cannot be seen.

Sec. 4.804 PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS AND CHURCH AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Political signs and temporary church and non-profit organization event signs may not be placed on public property owned or controlled by the City of Windcrest, except in the following locations:

- (a) median of Windway;
- (b) medians of Eaglecrest;
- (c) median of Windrock;
- (d) median of Windsor Hill between Fourwinds and Windsor-Cross;
- (e) two (2) small islands in Crestway;
- (f) drainage ditch between Crestwind and Crosswind;

- (g) with the express consent of the adjacent private real property owner, the front yard extension over the public right-of-way between the front property line of private real property and the curb of the street in front of such private real property;
- (h) with the express consent of the adjacent private real property owner, the side yard extension over the public right-of-way between the side property line of corner private real property and the curb of the street on the side of such private real property;
- (i) Takas Park on the grassy area a distance of 10 feet from the curb south of the community center and the two curbed planting islands east of the community center.

Such signs must relate to a scheduled elections or an event held by a church or non-profit organization located within the City of Windcrest and may not be erected, used or installed more than twenty (20) days preceding the commencement of early voting for the election or twenty (20) days preceding the church or non-profit organization event to which the sign pertains and shall be removed no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the election or the event to which the sign pertains. Such signs may not exceed four (4) square feet in area. Such signs may not be illuminated or have any moving elements, or extend over sidewalks or driveways.

Sec. 4.805 CONSENT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER REQUIRED FOR PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS AND CHURCH AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SIGNS

Political signs and church or non-profit organization signs may not be located on private real property without the consent of the occupant. Such signs must be free standing. Such signs on private real property may not be larger than thirty six (36) square feet, no higher than eight (8) feet, have no moving elements or be illuminated.

Sec 4.806 PUBLIC NUISANCE

All political signs and church or non-profit organization event signs placed or posted in violation of this subchapter are hereby declared to be public nuisances. City employees are hereby directed and required to remove and store such signs at the City Maintenance Facility. Political candidates or committees, churches and non-profit organizations may claim removed signs any time prior to the date of the advertised function or election. Political signs and church or non-profit organization signs in a damaged or unsightly condition, or no longer standing, shall be removed and destroyed.

This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication of its caption.

PASSED and APPROVED this 18th day of October, 2010.