

In accordance with Anne Arundel County Bill 98-25, the following regulations apply to temporary signs placed in the county. For full details, please refer to the [full bill](#).

TITLE 3. PARKING, OUTDOOR LIGHTING, AND SIGNAGE.

18-3-301. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated:

(15) “large temporary sign” means a temporary sign larger than 4.5 square feet in area, but does not include an air-activated graphic sign, inflatable sign, balloon sign, or feather sign.

(26) “sidewalk sign” means a temporary portable sign easily moved by hand, including a-frame, t-frame, and sandwich board style signs.

(32) “small temporary sign” means a temporary sign that is no larger than 4.5 square feet of area.

(34) “temporary one-time event sign” means a temporary sign used to direct or inform of a specific limited-duration event with distinct timeframes.

(35) “temporary sign” means a portable and easily removable sign displayed for a temporary period.

18-3-311. SIGNS IN COUNTY OR PRIVATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

(D) **TEMPORARY SIGNS IN COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.** Temporary signs are permitted within a county right-of-way, subject to the following:

(1) no sign is greater than three square feet in total area and four feet in height, with a multi-faced sign counting as one sign.

(2) a temporary sign may only be posted on weekends between 8:00 a.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. on the following Monday or on county, state, or federal holidays between 9:00 a.m. on the holiday and 9:00 a.m. on the following day.

(3) a temporary sign shall be self-supporting and located at least three feet from the curb of a traveled road surface, and bicycle or pedestrian use area.

(E) **PERSON RESPONSIBLE.** A sign in a county right-of-way shall be presumed to be erected by the person associated with the subject of the sign.

(F) **REMOVAL FROM COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.** The county may remove and dispose of any sign posted in a county right-of-way that does not comply with this section or this code and may impose the costs of removal and disposition on the person responsible for the sign

18-3-312. TEMPORARY SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

(A) **SCOPE.** THIS SECTION APPLIES TO TEMPORARY SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

(B) **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** A temporary sign is allowed in all zoning districts subject to provisions in this subtitle. The content of temporary signs is not regulated. The following are applicable to all temporary signs:

(1) except for portable message center signs, a temporary sign may not be internally illuminated.

(2) except for small temporary signs, the installation date of a temporary sign shall be displayed on the sign with a legible character height of at least one-half inch.

(3) except as otherwise provided in this section, the total combined sign area of temporary signs on a lot or parcel with a nonresidential use, mixed use development, or with a multifamily dwelling may not exceed 144 square feet.

(4) except as otherwise provided in this section, residentially used lots with less than 12 dwelling units are limited to small temporary signs and no more than eight signs per lot or dwelling unit.

(5) temporary signs may be ground mounted and shall be supported by posts, poles, stakes, wire, or rigid frames. Temporary signs may be wall mounted or secured on or against or suspended from a structure, or displayed within a window.

(D) **LOCATION.** Except for small temporary signs on residential property and sidewalk signs, temporary signs shall be at least six feet from the curb of a traveled road surface, and bicycle or pedestrian use area and six feet from adjacent residential uses.

(E) **PROPERTY LISTED FOR SALE OR LEASE OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION.** In addition to the signs allowed in subsection (h), for any property listed for sale or lease or under construction, a large temporary sign not to exceed 12 square feet in area in residential districts or 36 square feet in nonresidential districts, is allowed to be posted on each road frontage during the time period that the property is listed for sale or lease or under construction.

(F) **TEMPORARY ONE-TIME EVENT SIGNS.** A temporary one-time event sign may not be displayed for more than 60 days before the start of the event and shall be removed no later than seven days after the conclusion of the event.

(G) **SMALL TEMPORARY SIGNS.** Small temporary signs are allowed in all zoning districts, and shall comply with the following:

(1) freestanding small temporary signs may not exceed a height of six feet.

(2) small temporary signs shall be located a minimum of three feet from the curb of a traveled road surface, and bicycle or pedestrian use area, and adjacent properties