

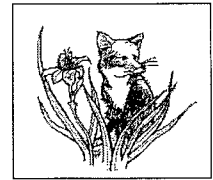


# Town of Coventry

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October 30, 2018

Matthew O'Brien, Jr.

3400 Main Street

Coventry, CT 06238

Re: Political Signs

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

As we approach the upcoming elections, I am enclosing a copy of the Zoning Regulations that pertain to political signs, as a means to clarify and inform about the requirements for such signs. Please refer to the enclosed copy that I have noted to highlight the applicable sections.

It is especially important to be mindful of sign placement at road intersections as well as the size of signs so as to not block vehicle sight line, which can be distracting and block the view of oncoming traffic.

Also, permission of the owner is necessary to post signs on private property.

I kindly ask that you share this information with your constituents and make any adjustments if necessary to insure consistency with the regulations.

I am sending this letter to both political parties, so all can be aware of the situation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 860-742-4062 or [mlandolina@coventryct.org](mailto:mlandolina@coventryct.org).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Landolina

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Cc: John Elsesser, Town Manager



g. All signs shall be properly maintained and shall not be allowed to fall into disrepair. Signs that are not properly maintained and fall into disrepair shall be removed by the property owner.

h. Town-owned property shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 5.01 of these Regulations.

### Section 5.01.03 Signs that Do Not Require a Permit

The following signs do not require a sign permit, provided that they comply with the applicable provisions of these Regulations:

a. Governmental Signs: Signs erected by a Town, State or federal official or agency on property owned by or within the control of the Town, State or federal government.

b. Small Signs: Two (2) signs per lot, one not exceeding four (4) square feet in area and the other not exceeding one (1) square foot in area, may be attached flat against any building. Two (2) additional signs, one not exceeding four (4) square feet in area and the other not exceeding one (1) square foot in area, may be installed at any other location on the lot, subject to the provisions of Section 5.01.02.

c. Legally Required Signs: Signs required by any applicable law, or required to protect property owners from potential legal liabilities, such as "no trespassing" signs, may be placed in such locations as may be necessary to satisfy the applicable legal requirements.

d. Temporary Signs for Events: One sign, no greater than forty (40) square feet in area, may be erected on any lot for a period of up to sixty (60) days prior to any election, referendum, or political, public, charitable, educational, sporting, recreational, or religious event. Such signs must be removed within five (5) days after the election, referendum, or event.

e. Signs regarding Property for Sale or Rent: One (1) sign, not exceeding four (4) square feet in area, may be placed on residential property that is for sale or rent. One (1) sign, not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area, may be placed on a condominium, commercial and industrial property that is for sale or rent. In addition to the foregoing signs, one additional sign shall be allowed off-site for each parcel to be sold or rented, provided such signs (i) are used solely for directional purposes and/or for advertisement of the property for sale or rental; (ii) are located at intersections; (iii) are not located on Town or State property or rights-of-way; (iv) do not interfere with sight lines; and (v) do not exceed four (4) square feet in area. (Revised - Effective 08/01/11)

f. Window Signs: Signs may be located on the inside of the windows of commercial buildings, provided that such signs do not cover more than thirty (30%) percent of any single window.

g. Agricultural Signs: One (1) or two (2) signs may be placed on a lot used for farming, not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area per sign, during times when the farm is selling agricultural products produced on the farm.

h. Tag/Yard/Garage Sale Signs: One (1) sign, not exceeding four (4) square feet in area, is allowed for a period not to exceed seven (7) days. Such signs must be removed no later than seven (7) days after the relevant event.

### Section 4.14.03 Certification of Certain Driveways

No final certificate of zoning compliance or building permit shall be issued for any lot on which a driveway has been constructed after November 13, 2006, to serve either (1) a rear lot, or (2) two or more lots (i.e., a common driveway) unless a licensed professional engineer certifies that the driveway has been constructed in full compliance with this Section 4.14.

## ARTICLE V - REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES

### Section 5.01 Signs

#### Section 5.01.01 Definition of Sign Area

For purposes of Section 5.01 of these Regulations, the area of a sign shall be considered to be that of the entire communication device exclusive of supports, unless the supports are also used to advertise. Signs having two faces (sides) are entitled to have up to the maximum permitted area on each face (side). Signs having more than two faces shall be permitted to have no more than twice the maximum area that would be allowed under these Regulations for a sign with one face.

#### Section 5.01.02 General Provisions

a. Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, signs shall only be allowed on the same lot as the associated use.

b. Exterior illumination of signs is permitted only if the illumination is confined or directed solely to the surface of the sign. Internally lit signs are not permitted except on lots used for nonresidential purposes in the C and CA zones.

c. Except as these Regulations may otherwise expressly allow, no sign or any part thereof shall be electronically or mechanically rotated or moved, or to have any visible electronic or mechanical movement of any description. Barber poles, clocks, and time and/or temperature displays are exempt from this subsection and may be permitted in accordance with the other applicable provisions of Section 5.01.

\* d. No sign shall be placed within ten feet of the paved portion of any street, or within ten feet of the traveled portion of any unpaved street.

e. Ground signs, including supports, shall not exceed a height of twelve (12) feet in the GR-40, GR-80, LR, R/A, and VR zones, or fifteen (15) feet in any other zone. The height of a sign shall be measured above the average surface elevation of the ground where the supporting structure(s) or bottom of the sign is located.

f. No sign attached to a structure shall project more than six (6) feet over the highest point of the roof of such structure.