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PUBLIC SAFETY POINT – PROPER PLACEMENT OF YARD SIGNS

With spring quickly approaching, Norfolk citizens will not only be seeing flowers popping up around town, but yard signs as well. In anticipation of the upcoming primary election and spring garage sales, there are some City of Norfolk signage policies to be aware of.

According to Steve Nordhues, City of Norfolk Building Official, there isn't an ordinance regulating when signs can go up but traditionally people wait about 30 days before an election to post signs. However, there are City ordinances that regulate the placement of yard signs in both residential and non-residential areas.

In a residential area, signs must be smaller than eight square feet and no more than six feet high. A sign needs to be placed at least five feet from the end of the front or side yards and should never be placed on a lawn in such a way that could obstruct a person's view of oncoming traffic.

In non-residential areas, there can only be one sign per premises. These signs cannot exceed 32 square feet in size. As in residential areas, signs in non-residential must also be placed so as not to be a traffic hazard or block a person's view of oncoming traffic.

Signs cannot be placed in medians, on bridges, on traffic signals or attached to public street signs. They also cannot be placed in public parks or City owned property or on privately owned land without permission of the owner.

If a sign is placed in a manner that is unsafe or in an unauthorized area, City of Norfolk officials will attempt to contact the candidate or person associated with the sign. If the issue is not corrected then City officials will remove the sign.

All political signs must be removed within five days of the election, which means they need to be removed by May 20th this year.

For more information about placing signs you can contact Steve Nordhues at snordhues@ci.norfolk.ne.us or call 402-844-2060.