

Political Signs Regulations

The DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, Article 7, sets forth rules for the placement of political signs in unincorporated DeKalb County. Each municipality has its own regulations for political signs within municipal boundaries. The requirements for political signs outside the limits of a city, town, or village are as follows:

1. A Sign Permit shall be obtained from the DeKalb County Planning, Zoning and Building Department prior to the placement of any political sign. The fee for each Sign Permit is \$20. One Sign Permit may cover multiple signs in multiple locations;
2. Political signs may be placed on private property only. Signs are prohibited within road rights-of-way (such as between the pavement and the ditch, within a ditch, on power poles or street lights, etc.) and on public properties;
3. Signs must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from any property line;
4. No sign shall be placed within a 40-foot "sight triangle" of the intersection of any two roads or a road and driveway (from the corner of two intersecting roads or a road and a driveway, measure 40 feet in each direction along the property line(s), or edge of driveway, and connect the two ends. Within the resultant triangle, no signs should be placed). This is to assure that signs do not block the sight lines of motorists at the intersection;
5. On agriculturally zoned land, political signs may be a maximum of 32 square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height;
6. On residentially zoned (unincorporated) land, political signs may be a maximum of eight (8) square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height;
7. On commercial and manufacturing zoned (unincorporated) land, political signs may be a maximum of 32 square feet in area and six (6) feet in height.