



CITY OF
GEARHART

ORDINANCE NO. 941

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GEARHART ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS IN GEARHART

WHEREAS, the City of Gearhart wishes to adopt clear and objective standards so residents can engage in political speech through signs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gearhart wishes to eliminate political signs in public right of ways and on public property;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City of Gearhart ordain as follows:

6.025 Temporary Election Related Signs Exempt From Permit and Fee.

The following signs shall comply with all provisions and regulations of this chapter; however, no fee, permit, or application is required. Temporary signs are prohibited signs except as provided by this section.

1. Generally.

A. **Illumination:** No temporary sign shall be internally or externally illuminated.

B. **Location:**

1. Except as provided by this section, no temporary sign shall extend into or over the public right-of-way of any street.

2. No temporary sign shall extend into the vision clearance area.

C. **Maintenance:** Temporary signs shall be kept neat, clean and in good repair. Signs which are faded, torn, damaged or otherwise unsightly or in a state of disrepair shall be immediately repaired or removed.

D. **Placement:** Except as provided by this section, temporary signs shall not be attached to trees, shrubbery, utility poles, or traffic control signs or devices on public right of way. They shall not obstruct or obscure primary signs on adjacent premises.

E. **Sign Collection and Retrieval:**

1. The City may collect temporary signs placed in the public right of way without a permit.

2. Each sign collected will be stored for a minimum of 30 days.

3. Notice will be mailed within three business days of the date of collection to the owner of each sign if the ownership is reasonably discernible from the sign.

4. The owner of a sign may retrieve a sign collected by the City within 30 days of the collection date. The owner must present proof of ownership of the sign and pay a sign retrieval fee in an amount established by resolution of the City Council.

2. Allowed Signage.

A. In any residential zone, temporary signage shall be allowed for each and every lot. This signage shall not be restricted by content, but is usually and customarily political or ideological positions. Signage shall be allowed for each lot as follows:

1. Temporary signs not exceeding six square feet, provided the signs are erected not more than 90 days prior to an election and removed within five days following the election.
2. Temporary signs erected within a building which do not obstruct more than 10 percent of any individual window surface.
3. Candidate signs shall meet state law requirements.
4. Only one sign allowable per candidate and/or measure.

Passed by the City Council of Gearhart this 3rd day of January, 2024.

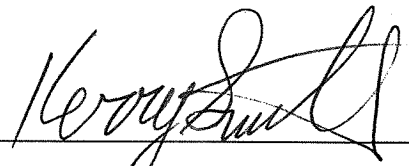
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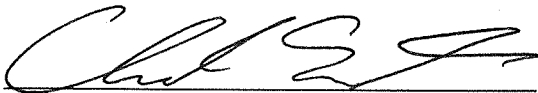
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Approved and signed by the Mayor of Gearhart this 5th day of January, 2024.



Mayor Kerry Smith

ATTEST:



City Administrator, Chad Sweet