

The City of Belle Isle

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A MESSAGE FROM

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If you're planning on having work done on your property and you're not sure if a permit is required, please call City Hall for clarification. Work done without required permits will result in orders to cease all work until permits are issued, notices of violation, and "after the fact" fees. If the violation is not corrected, then a hearing before the Special Magistrate will be scheduled and fines imposed. When In Doubt – Call. Garage Sales, Vehicle Sales, Temporary Parking require a permit; the applications for these can be picked up in city hall. A complete list of required permits (building and zoning) and the necessary forms can be found on our website: www.cityofbelleislefl.org, select Departments then select Building and Permitting from the menu.

The staff at City Hall is always willing to help where we can. If you have any questions, concerns or need to report a violation please contact 407-851-7730 or email rwinters@cobifl.com.

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POLITICAL SIGNS



Belle Isle Code of Ordinances

Political Signs

With the upcoming election in March 2016, and accordance with Belle Isle LDC Chapter 52, Sec 52-34(d)(4) political signs can be placed beginning 90 days before the election. Please do not display signs prior to **December 17, 2015**.

Please review the city's ordinance regarding political sign placement or call City Hall with any questions 407-851-7730.

LDC Chap 52, Sec. 52-34. - Temporary signs.

(d) Political campaign signs.

1. Political campaign signs may be permitted in all zoning districts.
2. **Residential districts.** A maximum of two non-illuminated political campaign signs, not more than four feet in height, nor more than four square feet in area, each, shall be permitted in residential districts. Any such sign may only be installed by, or with the express consent of the occupant of the premises or the owner of vacant property.
3. **Other districts.** Political campaign signs shall be permitted in all other zoning districts, under the following conditions:
 - a. Political campaign signs shall be non-illuminated and shall not exceed 32 square feet in area each.
 - b. No sign larger than four square feet in area shall be located within 40 feet of any other campaign sign.
 - c. On any unimproved or unoccupied property, the property owner shall be responsible for the placement and removal of campaign signs.
 - d. On occupied property the tenant shall be responsible for the placement and removal of campaign signs.
 - e. For any sign larger than four square feet, a location sketch indicating the street address and size of sign(s) proposed for installation must be submitted to the city manager prior to installation. The city manager shall have the authority to require the removal of any such sign that is not properly maintained or becomes a hazard to the public safety during the time it is displayed.
 - f. Signs erected pursuant to this section shall not be considered as part of the maximum allowable sign area for the premises upon which they are located.

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4. **Installation.** Political campaign signs shall not be erected more than 90 days before date of the election or referendum.
5. **Removal.** Political campaign signs shall be removed no later than (48) hours after the close of the election or referendum and any sign not removed within this time frame shall be considered an abandoned sign, subject to removal without notice.
6. **Prohibited on public property.** Campaign signs shall not be placed on public property, and any sign so located may be removed immediately by a city code enforcement officer.
7. **Campaign sign spinners.** Sign spinners holding a political campaign sign shall be permitted only on the day of the specific election or referendum advertised thereby.

Signs in Right-of-Way/Public Property (LDC Chap 52, Sec 52-34(d)(6)) –

Signs will be removed immediately and held in city hall for 48 hours. Signs not picked up from city hall after 48 hours will be thrown out.

Vacant properties

- **Residential** – permission must be given by owner of the property to display signs. (LDC Chap 52, Sec 52-34(d)(2))
- **Other districts** – Only the property owner can place or remove signs. (LDC Chap 52, Sec 52-34(d)(3)(c)).



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HOLIDAY TREE REMOVAL TIPS

- Don't wait for your tree to dry out before removing it. As trees dry out, they become more likely to cause house fires. First, remove the tree stand, tree skirt, all ornaments and lights before throwing out your live Christmas tree. Have a bucket or other large container nearby to dump water that may have collected in the tree stand.
- Next, use a large, plastic tree bag to cover the tree before removing it from the inside of your home. You can also use an old blanket or sheet to wrap around the tree. This will prevent needles and sap from making a mess on your carpet or hardwood floors.
- Finally, carry the tree to the curb, making sure not to obstruct any roads or sidewalks.
- Dispose of your live Christmas tree in a safe, environmentally-friendly manner using these tips, and get ready for a fresh start in the new year

