

Sec. 14-6. Posting signs on utility poles and public property.

(a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Public property means any property or easements, and improvements and appurtenances thereon, belonging to or controlled by the city.

Sign means any words, numbers, figures, devices, designs, trademarks, or other symbols which attract attention or make known such things as an individual, firm, profession, business, activity, sale, commodity or service, and which is visible from any public right-of-way. Examples shall include, but not be limited to, garage sales, political posters, business advertisements, activity promotions. For the purpose of removal, a sign shall also include sign supports or attachments.

(b) *Prohibited signs.*

- (1) No person shall stick, paint, staple, tack, nail or otherwise post or attach any sign or printed material to any utility pole within the city limits; or to any utility pole located within city property outside the city limits.
- (2) (2) No person shall stick, paint, staple, tack, nail or otherwise post or attach any sign or printed material to or on any public property, street, sidewalk, or easement; including any improvement, pole, fence, wall, gate or any other structure on such property.
- (3) (3) No person shall post any signs upon or within private property other than his own without the consent of the owner or occupant of such premises or building.

(c) *Abatement.* To abate a nuisance under this section, employees of the city and all utility companies are hereby authorized and instructed to remove all illegally posted signs.

(d) *Exception.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to regulatory and informational signs belonging to and posted by the city or applicable utility companies.

(Code 1984, § 14-6(a)-(d); Ord. No. O-86-12, pts. 1-4, 9-9-86)

Cross reference—Utilities, ch. 20.