

CITY OF BUDA

ARTICLE 14.09 USE OF CITY PROPERTY

Sec. 14.09.001 Definitions

For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

City hall complex. The parcel of land on which the City of Buda City Hall is located.

Electioneering. The posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature, including the use of tents, chairs, booths, tables, vehicles, or other furniture or devices to post, use, or distribute political signs or literature.

Human sign. A portable sign held by or attached to a human being, including a person dressed in costume, for the purposes of drawing attention to text or visual images to express or make known a thought, command, or wish.

Metal wire H-frame sign. A sign attached to an H-shaped metal frame which is inserted into the ground.

Polling place. City-owned or city-controlled property that is being used as an election polling place.

Self-supporting sign. A free-standing sign not attached to any building, wall, fence, tree, shrub, or other improvement of any kind or not attached to any pole, post, brace, or other frame which is inserted in the ground. A self-supporting sign may be attached to a brace or frame which rests on top of the ground.

Sign. A physical object displaying text or a visual image by which a thought is expressed, a command is made, or a wish is made known.

Voting period. The period beginning 24 hours before a polling place opens for early voting and ending 24 hours after the polling place closes on election day.

Sec. 14.09.002 Signage prohibited on city-owned or city-controlled property

(a) It is unlawful for a person to place, attach, or otherwise affix or employ a sign on city-owned or city-controlled property, except as may be provided for in subsections (b) and (c).

(b) Certain signs as designated below may be placed within certain designated areas on the city hall complex, as described below and as shown in [illustration 1](#), subject to the following time, place, manner regulations:

(1) Any sign must either be self-supporting, a human sign or a metal wire H-frame sign, and be located where such signs are permitted, as follows:

(A) A self-supporting sign is permitted only in the areas shaded in light green, light green with green diagonal lines, and light-green with red hash lines as shown in [illustration 1](#).

(B) A human sign is permitted in the areas shaded green, light green, and light-green with red hash lines as shown in [illustration 1](#).

(C) A metal wire H-frame sign is permitted only in the area shaded light green with green diagonal lines as shown in [illustration 1](#).

- (2) A sign shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in area.
- (3) A sign shall not exceed two (2) ft. by four (4) ft. in dimension.
- (4) A sign, including any supporting elements, as placed shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
- (5) A sign shall not be illuminated.
- (6) A sign shall not contain moving parts.
- (7) Self-supporting signs and metal wire H-frame signs shall not be placed on city hall complex at any time other on days when city hall is being used as a polling place.

(c) The regulations set forth in subsection (a) and (b) above do not apply to any city authorized signs or materials.

(d) The city manager or a designee thereof, may, without notice, remove and dispose of sign(s) found in violation of this section.

Sec. 14.09.003 Designated public forum for the expression of First Amendment activities

(a) It is unlawful for a person to use any area on the city hall complex grounds for the expression of First Amendment activities except as may be provided for in subsections (b) and (c).

(b) All the areas shaded in green in illustration 1 are designated as public forums for the expression of First Amendment activities subject to the following time, place, and manner regulations:

(1) It is unlawful to use the areas of the city hall parking lot designated for vehicular traffic for the expression of First Amendment activities in a manner that impedes vehicular or pedestrian access to and from city facilities or endangers life or property.

(2) It is unlawful to allow any item brought onto the city hall complex for the purpose of conducting the expression of First Amendment activities, including, but not limited to, signs, literature, vehicles, tents, or furniture, to remain on the city hall complex:

(A) During any voting period between the hours of 7:00 p.m. or one hour after voting ends, whichever is later, and 7 a.m. the following day; or

(B) During any other period, other than that provided by subsection (b)(2)(A) above, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. or one hour after city hall closes to the public, whichever is later and 7:00 a.m. the following day.

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(C) Any sign displayed in an area other than within the parking lot as shaded in green with red diagonal lines as provided in illustration 1 in compliance with section 14.09.002 is exempt from the requirement it be removed provided in subsection (b)(2). (Ordinance 2018-30 adopted 10/16/18)

(c) The regulations set forth in this section do not apply to any city event or city-sponsored event on the grounds of the city hall complex.

Illustration 1.



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