INTRODUCTION

Signs are allowed in residential areas for a variety of reasons. Residents in Falcon Heights must follow the following rules and procedures when thinking about putting up or changing a sign.

PERMIT

A zoning permit is required before changes are started. These are available in City Hall or on the city’s website. There is a flat permit fee of $30.00 for a temporary fence (90 days max) and $50.00 for a permanent sign. Typically, a contractor will complete the permit if you hire a company to put up the sign.

REGULATIONS

City Code Sec. 113-449 - Signs permitted in residential districts

Signs are permitted in the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and, R-5M districts only as follows:

(1) For the purpose of selling, renting or leasing property, a sign not in excess of ten square feet in gross surface area may be placed within the front yard, not less than 15 feet from a property line.

(2) Temporary poster signs for political advertising may be posted but must be removed by those responsible for their being posted within ten days following the election for which the sign was posted.

(3) Signs containing noncommercial speech.

(4) One nameplate sign for each dwelling unit that shall not exceed two square feet in area per surface, and no sign shall have more than two display surfaces.

(5) No sign shall be located within three feet of the property line.

(6) Churches, schools and other institutional users, allowed by virtue of pre-existing or conditional use, may have an illuminated sign not exceeding 50 square feet in gross surface area. Temporary signs advertising a special event may be posted after receiving a permit from the zoning administrator, and such sign shall not be greater than 70 square feet in gross surface area, not less than 30 feet from a property line and shall not be displayed longer than 30 days.

(7) Address numbers four inches on the house and alley side of garage.

(8) Signs other than those listed above require a conditional use permit.

(9) In the R-5M district signs allowed in the B-2 district are allowed for B-2 uses.

SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

City Code Sec. 113-472 - Signs in public right-of-way

Signs shall not be permitted within the public right-of-way or easements except as follows:

(1) Public traffic control signs are permitted in any right-of-way.

(2) Signs erected by the city or the jurisdiction controlling the right of way.

(3) Courtesy bench signs are permitted on courtesy benches in the zoning districts specified herein.