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## Building / Zoning Department

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### POLITICAL SIGN APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF PRIMARY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ELECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF SIGNS:

NAME OF HOMEOWNER:

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APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS FULL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FEE: \$10.00: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT: \$50.00: \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER ALL OF YOUR SIGNS HAVE BEEN  
REMOVED PLEASE COME TO THE BUILDING  
DEPARTMENT TO PICK UP YOUR DEPOSIT.**

**TOWN OF MARSHFIELD  
ZONING BYLAWS  
ARTICLE SEVEN**

Section 7.02 General Sign Regulations

3. Temporary shall be construed to mean any period not exceeding 30 consecutive days.

Temporary political signs are permitted in any district, for a period of one month before election to three days after.

Not more than one sign per candidate per lot, with permission of the owners shall be allowed.

They shall be subject to all provisions of this By-law unless such provision be specifically superseded by this Section.

Each political sign shall be free-standing and secured to a post or a stake driven into the ground.

Such signs shall not be attached to public property, trees, fences, utility poles or rocks.

Whenever the Building Inspector determines that any political sign has been erected in violation of the provisions of this paragraph, he shall so notify the candidate whose name appears on such sign, and/or any committee formed to advocate the candidacy of such person, of the violation.

If the illegal signs are not removed within 24 hours from the time of such notice, then the candidate and committee shall both be liable for the penalties provided under Section 10.08 of this Bylaw.

c. Welcome to Marshfield Signs

Signs which welcome travelers to the Town of Marshfield and which are owned or installed by the Board of Public Works may be erected on public ways and traffic islands at the entrances to the Town by said Board, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, after receiving a permit therefor from the Inspector of Buildings. Such signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in surface area per side and shall be erected so that no portion of the sign is over 8 feet above the ground level beneath the sign. Such signs shall contain no more than 3 colors and shall not be illuminated.

3. Temporary interior window displays or temporary banners for drive-in establishments or automotive establishments shall be permitted except as provided in No. 4 below. Temporary shall be construed to mean any period not exceeding 30 consecutive days. Temporary political signs are permitted in any district, for a period of one month before election to three days after. Not more than one sign per candidate per lot, with permission of the owners shall be allowed. They shall be subject to all provisions of this By-law unless such provision be specifically superseded by this Section.

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The maximum size of a political sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet.

A permit must be obtained from the Building Department before any political sign can be erected or displayed. A permit fee of \$10.00 shall be paid plus a deposit of \$50.00 as a security for all signs erected for any one candidate. Removal shall be within three days after Election Day. The deposit shall be refunded upon the timely removal of the signs and verification of the Enforcement Officer. Signs not so removed at the end of that period shall be removed by order of the Enforcement Officer and the \$50.00 security deposit shall be used for such purposes of removal and any excess amount of said deposit shall be forfeited to the Town.

4. A sign (including temporary interior window displays or banner) or its illuminator shall not by reason of its location, shape, size or color interfere with traffic or be confused with or obstruct the view or effectiveness of any official traffic sign, traffic