

This is from the City of Houston's Sign Code, no signs on public rights-of-way. See (c):

SECTION 4608--MISCELLANEOUS SIGN PROVISIONS

(a) Displays and Certain Banners. Seasonal-holiday displays and banners

as described in Section 40-30 of the City Code, and similar temporary displays

erected without advertising shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter, but

shall be subject to the Fire Code and rules and regulations for fire safety promulgated by the fire marshal.

(b) Special Event Banners. Special event banners, as defined in Section

40-31 of the City Code, shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter, but

shall be subject to the Fire Code and rules and regulations for fire safety promulgated by the fire marshal.

(c) Signs on Public Rights-of-way.

(1) With the exception of signs lawfully permitted or erected prior to the effective date, it shall be unlawful to place a sign upon a public street, public sidewalk, public alley, public right-of-way, public curb or other public improvement in any public street or grounds, on any public bridge or part of same, or on any public building or structure of any

kind belonging to the city, or in any public place or on any public improvement unless express consent therefor shall have been first granted by the City Council. This subsection does not apply to public property leased for private business purposes.

(2) Any unlawful sign found within a public right-of-way of a public street, public sidewalk or public alley shall be seized, and removal thereof is hereby authorized. The employees of the Police Department, the Planning and Development Department, the Solid Waste Management Department and the Department of Public Works and Engineering are hereby authorized to impound any signs found on a public street, public sidewalk or public alley and transport or cause the same to be transported to a location to be designated by the Sign Administrator for storage. The custodian of the storage area shall maintain records of where such signs were located when they were so impounded and the date on which they were so impounded and shall hold the same in the storage area for a period of not more than 30 days. Any signs so held may be redeemed by the owner thereof upon the payment of a fee to the City through the custodian thereof, consisting of a total of \$50.00 for hauling the same to storage, plus \$10.00 per day storage fee for each day the sign is stored. Such fee shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any fine imposed upon such owner for violation of this chapter. Any sign impounded and stored

and not redeemed by the owner thereof within 30 days may be transferred to the Surplus Section of the Property Management Division of the Finance and Administration Department of the City of Section 4608

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Houston to be sold at public auction in the same manner as surplus property of the City.

EXCEPTION: Stake-type signs constructed of cloth, wood, paper or similar lightweight materials that are picked up in the right-of-way may be disposed of immediately, without regard to the foregoing impoundment provisions.

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