



## 2026 Pilot Program Rules

### Rules for Temporary Signs on Vacant County-Owned Properties

Temporary Signs will be allowed on a limited amount of Vacant County-owned Properties during the period of May 1 through July 7 and September 8 through November 10 and, in accordance with these policies. See attached map of allowed locations.

Temporary Signs must not exceed 32 square feet per sign face; a double-sided sign cannot exceed 64 square feet. Signs less than 6 square feet are not allowed.

Temporary Signs must be removed by their owner 7 days after completion of the purpose for which they were installed.

Only one Temporary Sign will be permitted per candidate, group or issue per Vacant County-owned property.

Temporary Signs must be placed a minimum of 10 feet from an external property line, edge of sidewalk or fence. See the attached location maps for additional location-specific detail.

Temporary Signs shall not display obscene or unlawful material.

People or groups placing a Temporary Sign(s) on Vacant County-owned Properties must register each Temporary Sign with staff, see attached Registration Application. The registration process includes acknowledgment of these policies and an indemnification of the County.

The placement of a Temporary Sign on a Vacant County-owned Property must be pre-approved by staff prior to installation.

Temporary Signs may not interfere with safe operation, maintenance, and use of the Vacant County-owned Property. Temporary Signs must be relocated at the request of staff when necessary to accommodate County operations, maintenance, or use; or in the interests of public safety.

Temporary Signs should be placed so as to not interfere or block the viewing of other Temporary Signs. Staff will address issues on a complaint basis and may work with involved parties on resolution.

Temporary Signs must be in good condition. Temporary Signs that are in poor repair, obscured, or otherwise present a safety hazard may be removed by staff without prior notice to their owner.

Signs that are not compliant with these policies and other applicable County regulations may be removed by staff without prior notice to their owner.

Multiple signs shall not be combined to convey a complete message, thought, idea, or expression that would otherwise exceed the limitations contained herein.

Temporary Signs must be freestanding and sufficiently sturdy to endure typical weather events. If signs require installation using post drivers, hammers, or similar devices to secure signposts, as part of the registration process the person performing the installation must request utility locates (see [Colorado811.org](http://Colorado811.org)) prior to installing the sign to verify there are no underground utilities. The owner of the sign must sign a form indemnifying the County of any damage caused to existing underground utilities in relation to the sign installation and provide proof utility locating has been performed prior to installation.

After a Temporary Sign is removed, the individual or group that installed it is responsible for returning the ground surface to its original condition.

Temporary Signs are also subject to other local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

Temporary Signs that are not compliant with local, state, or federal laws and regulations may be removed by staff.

The following are prohibited:

- Illumination of any kind.
- Any sign using any type of movement, animation, or the appearance or optical illusion of movement of any part of the sign or sign structure.
- Any sign emitting amplified sound, smoke, visible vapor, particles, or odor.
- Any sign using a mirror or highly reflective device as part of the sign.
- Any sign that conflicts with the clear and obvious appearance of, or view of, public devices controlling public traffic and safety.
- Any sign that causes a traffic hazard for any reason, including but not limited to glare, focus, or intensity of reflective surfaces.
- Any sign within or too close to a sight distance triangle, as defined in the Douglas County Roadway Design and Construction Standards.
- Any sign or signal, marking, or device which purports to be, is an imitation of, or resembles but is not an official traffic control device or railroad sign or signal on or in view of any street or highway.
- Any sign attached to live landscape plants.
- Any streamers, fin signs, balloons, inflatable devices, or other similar devices.

If the placement of a Temporary Sign on Vacant County-owned Property causes damage to the Property, the registered owner of the sign may be billed by the County for the cost of repairs.