Political signs on residential properties:

The City of West Linn regulates all temporary signs, such as political signs, on both private and public property. No permit or fee is required for political signs. Contact the Planning Department at 503-742-6060 for signage requirements in non-residential areas.

How long can they be up?
The maximum length of time is 60 days in a calendar year for all signs.
For example, a property cannot have four signs up for 60 days, take them down and have another five signs up for another 60 days. Its 60 days total.

Where can they go?
No temporary sign is allowed in the public right of way. Please visit MapOptix to verify where the right-of-way is located on the property.
Permission must be received from the property owner PRIOR to placing a sign on the property. The sign must be two feet back of the sidewalk or, in areas with no sidewalk, three feet from the edge of the street as long as it is out of the right-of-way. Signs on corner lots cannot be in the clear vision area (see illustration below). Motorist's views cannot be blocked. Signs can be freestanding or wall mounted.

How many signs are allowed per property?
A private property owner is limited to five temporary signs, including political signs, at any time. The City does not regulate the content of the signs so if a property owner wants five signs for one candidate or two political signs and three signs for a garage sale the City is not concerned. The City just limits the number and size.

How big can they be?
The maximum total square footage of signage is 24 square feet. That's the total square footage of all the signs. That means there can be up to five signs measuring – with a combined square footage - up to 24 square feet. The maximum height of any sign is seven feet. Temporary signs cannot be illuminated.

Wall mounted signs?
Wall mounted temporary signs are permitted; however, are limited to only one. Wall mounted signs can have a maximum size of four square feet and can't be over 12 feet high.

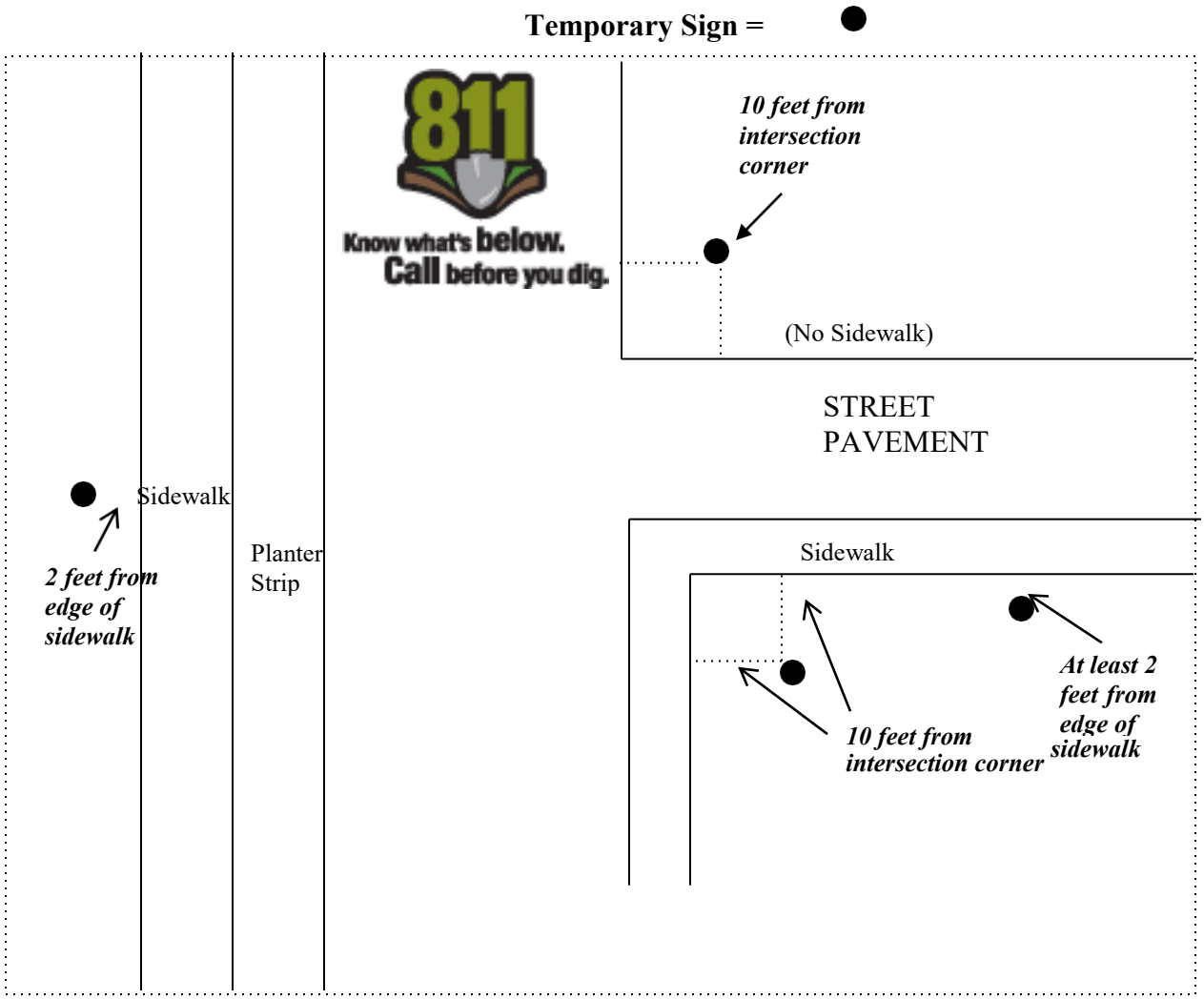
Remove signs

The Police Department's Code Enforcement Officer will remove all signs that violate any aspect of these standards. You may pick these signs up at City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road. All temporary signs are to be removed by property owners at the conclusion of the 60 days.

Further questions?

Contact the City of West Linn Planning Department at 503-742-6060.
The sign chapter of the Community Development Code is Chapter 52.

Illustration of correct sign placement:



This distance shall be measured perpendicularly from the appropriate right-of-way feature (e.g., sidewalk or the edge of pavement). Temporary signs shall also not be located within 10 feet of the intersection of two public rights-of-way, measured from either the edge of pavement or, if a sidewalk exists, the edge of sidewalk. The entire sign must meet these setback standards

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