

Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association
Temporary Real Estate Sign Ordinances - 2009

(Based on information provided by locality ordinances and/or locality staff - Updated December 11, 2009)

<i>Locality/Ord.</i>	Setback	Quantity	Size	Sign Removal	Directional Signs	Additional Notes	Contact
Chesapeake <i>s14-704 and 705(C)</i>	15ft setback requirement	No more than one sign per street frontage	Maximum of 4 sq. ft in residential zones, allowed to have two riders at 2 sqft. each.	Signs must be removed within 2 days of the date of settlement or ratification of lease	Allowed 4 off-site directional signs when an agent is present at the unit. Signs must be on private property with owner's permission. 4 sq. ft max area, 4 ft max height. No signs are allowed on City right of way.	Allowed one additional "open house" sign on-site when the property is open to the public. Signs shall not be illuminated	Zoning Office 382-6262
Franklin <i>App. D, Art. XXII, s. 22.3E</i>	Signs must be set back 8ft, or 1/3 of distance between right of way and structure.	No more than one sign per street frontage	Sign must not exceed 8 sq. ft in area.	No removal time frame is outlined in the ordinance.	Must be on a corner lot which is private property with permission of the owner and may not exceed 225 sq. inches. Only allowed in residential zones. No signs are allowed on City right of way.	Off site signs may be used in conjunction with open house only, may be displayed for 72 consecutive hours. Signs shall not be illuminated.	Donald Goodwin 562-8580
Norfolk <i>Appendix A Art. 3 s.16</i>	Signs must be set back at least 5ft from the easement/right of way.	One sign, but may use two for corner lots. If two, sign area limited to two faces with 8 sq. ft. per face.	Two faces, each up to 8 sq. ft of face area.	Sign should be removed within 3 days of close of sale or signing of lease.	Directional signs are not allowed. No signs are allowed off premises or in the city right of way.	Sign shall be plainly marked with the name of the person erecting the sign. Signs shall not be illuminated	Leslie Garrett 664-4752
Portsmouth <i>Chapter 40, Article V</i>	Signs must be setback at least 7 ft from the front property line	No more than one sign per street frontage	Signs are exempt from regulation if less than 4 sq. ft in res. areas, 8 sq. ft in comm. areas.	Signs must be removed within 7 days of consummation of sale, lease, or rental.	No temporary signs advertising off-premises sale, lease or rentals are permitted. No signs are allowed on City right of way.	Signs shall not be illuminated	Christine Stewart 393-8836
Suffolk <i>UDO Art. 7 31-714</i>	Since no permits are needed, there are no setback requirements.	No more than one sign per street frontage	Maximum of 6 sq. ft in residential districts and the Central Business District.	Signs must be removed within 10 days of the date of settlement, sale of property, ratification of rental/lease agreement.	Directional signs are not allowed in Suffolk. No signs are allowed on City right of way.	Signs shall not be illuminated	Donna Pope 514-4157
Virginia Beach <i>Appendix A Article 5 s 504</i>	No specific set back requirement listed for real estate signs, but they must be on private property.	Not more than two signs for each lot.	Signs must not exceed 8 sqft in area in residential districts.	No removal time frame is outlined in the ordinance.	Directional signs are not allowed in Virginia Beach. No signs are allowed on City right of way.	Signs may not be in public rights of way. Enforced by city manager, class 1 msd. Signs shall not be illuminated.	Kevin Hershberger 385-5067
Isle of Wight <i>County 9-1000 et seq.</i>	Signs must be set back a minimum of 10ft from any property line.	No more than one sign per street frontage	Signs shall not exceed 4 sq. ft in area and 4 feet in height in residential districts.	No removal time frame for onsite signs is outlined in the ordinance.	Off premises signs are allowed in conjunction with open house showings only. They may be up for a maximum of 3 days in any 7 day period. The same size, height, and setback requirements apply. No signs are allowed on public right of way.	The height of all signs shall represent a measurement from ground level to the top of the sign structure. Signs can be externally illuminated in Residential Districts from 6:00am until midnight.	Sandy Robinson 365-6208
Southampton <i>County Chapter 18, Art's V and XV</i>	Signs must be setback 10ft from the right of way.	No more than one sign per street frontage	Signs must not exceed 6 sq. ft in area.	No removal time frame is outlined in the ordinance.	Directional signs are not allowed in Southampton County. No signs are allowed on public right of way.	Signs shall not be illuminated.	Zoning Office 653-3008