
SIGN PLACEMENT POLICY - NEIGHBORHOOD ISLANDS

Many have asked the HOA about a policy for temporary sign placement in the neighborhood islands. The important thing to note is that the Sandy Springs municipal code does not permit the placement of signs in a right of way. Therefore, any sign placed in any neighborhood island is subject to removal by Sandy Springs Code Enforcement at any time (regardless of HOA permission or policy). Additionally, violators of the code sections regarding sign placement can be subject to fines up to \$1,000 and/or up to 60 days imprisonment. For the full text of Article XXXIII "SIGNS" please go to

<http://www.sandyspringsga.org/SandySprings/media/Zoning-Ordinances/Article-XXXIII--Signs.pdf>

Despite these code sections, we all see temporary signs placed throughout the city and in our neighborhood. The Board is often approached by different organizations with requests for permission to place signs in the islands. After much consideration, the Board agrees it is most important to preserve the beauty of the islands and prevent the neighborhood from getting cluttered with signs. Moreover, with the ease of electronic communication, the need for signs is rarely necessary.

With these factors in mind, the Board has developed the following policy:

1. The HOA will not endorse the placement of any signs in the neighborhood islands except those that temporarily advertise for things that directly relate to a large majority of our residents: HOA announcements, Riverside Club announcements, or anything regarding any emergency situation. The Board maintains discretion in this regard.
2. Real estate signs will not be removed (by the Board) if they are only temporarily placed to advertise an open house or caravan. Signs for an open house should be placed only the day before and removed within an hour afterward. Signs for a caravan should be placed only an hour before and removed within an hour afterward.

3. No signs for schools, political candidates, or any other organizations (other than listed in numbers 1 and 2 above) will be permitted.
4. Sign placement that does not fall within these parameters may result in removal by the HOA Board or Sandy Springs Code Enforcement without warning. There is no guarantee that removed signs will be returned to their owners.
5. Even if sign placement is made in accordance with these HOA guidelines, it is still possible that signs may be removed at any time by Sandy Springs Code Enforcement and the owner subject to fines and other penalties. Permission from the HOA does not override Sandy Springs municipal codes.

We hope everyone will respect these rules, since they serve to benefit our entire neighborhood. Also remember, signs in private property are not the responsibility of the HOA – but are still subject to any applicable Sandy Springs code sections. If you have a complaint about a sign in one of the neighborhood islands, please report it to the HOA Board at info@riversidehoa.org.