

**ORDINANCE #23-19
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117
PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY SIGNS**

The City Council of Ramsey ordains:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 117-465 PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY SIGNS.

The current City Code Chapter 117 is amended as follows (additions indicated by underline, deletions indicated by ~~strikethrough~~):

Sec. 117-465. - Temporary signs.

- (a) Temporary signs are defined as signs which are erected or displayed for a limited period of time and not affixed to a state building code approved structure. A sign is considered temporary if it is not intended to remain on the property permanently and has not received a permanent sign permit and/or is not intended to be constructed per the state building code.
- (1) *Duration.* Temporary signs shall be permitted for up to six weeks per year per parcel, or per business on multitenant business parcels. The six-week limit may be extended up to four weeks if there have been no sign violations in the past year by the entity who erects the sign.
- a. Temporary Highway 10 Construction Provision (city-wide): The timeframes described above shall be permitted up to twelve weeks and may be extended in eight-week periods if there have been no sign violations in the past year by the entity who erects the sign and if the sign is in good repair. This temporary provision expires on December 31, 2025.
- (2) *Location.* Temporary signs must be located fully on private property, with the permission of the property owner. The city will remove any signs in the public right-of-way, or erected without permission from the property owner.
- (3) *Number.* All properties are limited to two temporary signs per parcel. In locations where there are multiple businesses on one parcel (a multitenant facility), three signs are permitted.
- (4) *Size.* Temporary signs shall be limited to 50 square feet in size.
- (5) *Permits and fees.* All temporary signs shall be required to obtain a temporary sign permit. The temporary sign permit application shall specify the exact times and dates the temporary sign is to be erected, the size of the sign, the location of the sign, contact information, and other information deemed necessary by the zoning administrator to determine that the temporary sign is erected within applicable code. The temporary sign permit shall be clearly displayed on the temporary sign. The fee for the temporary sign permit shall be established by ordinance as part of the rates and charges. The fee shall only be collected for the first permit per parcel or per business in a multi-tenant facility. The provisions of this division apply to all temporary signs, and appropriate penalties for violations will be assessed, as outlined in section 117-461.

- a. *Exemptions from temporary sign Permit.* Signs less than 15 square feet in size and all temporary signs in residential districts (R-1 Residential, R-2 Residential, R-3 Residential) are exempt from temporary sign permitting requirements.
- (6) *Dynamic display.* Temporary signs may consist of dynamic display, provided all standards of section 117-463(f) are complied with.
- (b) Balloons, gas filled figures, streamers, whirling devices and revolving searchlights or any such attention-getting device that is not specifically a sign may be permitted up to four weeks per year, for one week at a time.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective 30 days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter Section 5.04.

SECTION 4. SUMMARY

The following official summary of Ordinance #23-19 has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance:

“Ordinance #23-19 temporarily extends the duration of temporary signs to twelve weeks with extensions of periods of eight additional weeks if no violations exist. This provision expires on December 31, 2025.”