

Existing 1230.01, Subd. 2

“Non-commercial Signs in an Election Year. Signs of any size containing non-commercial speech may be posted from August 1 in any general or City election year until ten (10) days following the general election and thirteen (13) weeks prior to any special election until ten (10) days following the special election provided that the signs are in compliance with Minnesota Statutes. These non-commercial signs shall be placed in accordance with Section 1250.03 Subd. 2, 3, and 4.”

August 1 start date for posting non-commercial signs is inconsistent with MN State Statute 211B.45:

*“All noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number beginning **46 days before the state primary** in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election. Municipal ordinances may regulate the size and number of noncommercial signs at other times.”*

Minnesota primary elections occur on the **second Tuesday of August** in election years.

August 11, 2020 + 46 days = June 28, 2020

- The existing code section identified do not contain sign setback standards
- Does not reference prohibited sign.

Proposed 1230.01, Subd. 2

“Non-commercial Signs in an Election Year. In years where a federal, state or local government election is conducted within the city, non-commercial signs may be posted no more than 46 days prior to that election. These non-commercial signs shall be placed in accordance with Section 1230.02 and 1250.03 Subd 2, 3, and 4. Those responsible for posting the signs shall remove any signs within 10 days following an election.”

- The proposed language addresses all types of elections and removes the need to address special elections.

- Code is in conformance with Minnesota State Statute 211B.045
- Permits non-commercial signs to be posted no more than 46 days prior an election.
 - **Note:** 46 days is the minimum set by state statute. The number may be increase, but not decreased.

- Add Code Section 1230.02 – Prohibited Signs
- Revised Code Section 1250.03

- Added language requiring campaign volunteers, or candidates themselves, to remove campaign signs following an election.
- Removal within 10 days is required by State Statute