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## Press Release

### **Westport Planning and Zoning to Enforce Temporary Signage Policy**

The Westport Police Department has been advised by members of the town's planning and zoning department that effective immediately they will be actively enforcing regulations related to temporary signage placed on town owned roads, traffic islands and rights of way. In short, any signs found to be in violation of this policy will be removed from town property by town officials and discarded. Please reference the additional attached document regarding guidelines for temporary signs on town property as well as the town of Westport's website for further clarification. Any specific questions can be directed to (203) 341-1030; the office of planning and zoning. As also noted in the attached document, any requests for temporary signage permits should be directed to the selectman's office.

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**Lieutenant Anthony Prezioso**

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# WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

James S. Marpe  
First Selectman

## **Policy for Temporary Signs on Town Property for Advertising Charitable Events and for Political Purposes**

Modified and Adopted by the Board of Selectmen  
January 9, 2002, **revised January 29, 2004, January 7, 2005,**  
**March 23, 2005; minor revision May 26, 2005, revised February, 2015**

The following policy has been established by Westport Town Officials in order to provide coordination for the placement of temporary signs by Westport non-profit organizations wishing to advertise one-time-only charitable events.

### ***General Guidelines for ALL Temporary Signs***

- Town property includes traffic islands and road rights of way.
- The Town may not approve, nor is it responsible for, any signs erected on State of Connecticut property. It is not advisable to place signs on State of Connecticut property (including rights of way and islands along Routes 1, 136, 57, 33, and the Sherwood Island Connector, nor on the exit or entrance ramps of I-95 or the Merritt Parkway) as the State may remove them. (see attached list for State property)
- No sign may be placed on any school property without the prior permission of the Superintendent's Office.
- No sign may be placed within the interior of Compo Beach or Longshore Club Park.
- No sign may be placed on Town Hall property.
- No sign may be placed on trees or utility poles.
- No sign may interfere with traffic visibility.
- Signs on private property require property owner approval. Signs on private property shall not extend beyond the property line or into the Town right-of-way and is suggested they be removed within 2 days after the publicized event or election.

### **Temporary Signs for Advertising Charitable Events**

The placement and locations of temporary signs on Town property for the purpose of advertising a charitable event requires review and approval by the Westport Police Chief, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Director of Parks & Recreation, or their designated representatives. Qualifying organizations (i.e. local non-profits) may send the attached request, including proposed locations, for the placement of temporary signs to: Selectman's Office, Westport Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, CT 06880 or [selectman@westportct.gov](mailto:selectman@westportct.gov).

The following conditions will apply:

- A maximum of 15 signs are allowed for each such event. This includes directional signs.
- The signs may be erected not more than 2 weeks before the event and must be removed within 2 days after the publicized event.
- The size of the sign cannot exceed 2 feet by 3 feet.
- Non-compliance may result in the removal of signs.

### **Temporary Signs for Political Purposes**

Political signs are considered an expression of free speech and are allowed on public property. The General Guidelines noted above apply to temporary signs for political purposes.

## TEMPORARY SIGN REQUEST

Name of Non-Profit Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

State Roads - No Authorization	State Roads - No Authorization
Bridge Street	Kings Highway North (Partial)
Canal Street	Main Street (Partial 57)
Charles Street	Merritt Parkway (RT 15)
Compo Road North (RT 136)	Interstate 95
Compo Road South (RT 136)	Post Road East (US RT 1)
Easton Road (RT 136)	Post Road West (US RT 1)
Exit 17 (I-95)	Riverside Avenue (RT 33)
Exit 18 (I-95)	Saugatuck Avenue
Exit 41 (RT 15)	Sherwood Island Connector
Exit 42 (RT 15)	Sherwood Island Lane
<i>Interior of Compo Beach</i>	Sherwood Island State Park
<i>Interior of Longshore Club Park</i>	Weston Road (RT 57)
Town Hall property	Wilton Road (RT 33)

**Requested Locations (Please Do Not Request Roads/Areas Listed Above):**

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| 1. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 8. _____ |           |

Your signature below indicates that you have read and agree to abide by the terms of the Policy for Temporary Signs on Town Property for Advertising Charitable Events and for Political purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date