# Real Estate Signs, Rules, & Regulations



# Punta Gorda

Florida's Harborside Hometown

# **Real Estate Signs**

# Special Residential Overlay (SRO) District

- Real estate signs for residentially zoned property shall not exceed 6 X 8 inches and are limited to one (1) per lot.
  - ⇒ Residential properties that abut a golf course or waterway may have one (1) additional sign on the side of the property that abuts the golf course or waterway provided that sign is not visible from the public road right-of-way.



#### Residential Uses Outside SRO

- One (1) sign per lot not to exceed 30 inches in height and 48 square inches in area. (i.e. 6" x 8" just like the SRO District)
  - \* On parcels with dual street frontage, a second sign of the same dimensions is allowed.

#### Non-Residential Uses

- One (1) sign per lot or tract not to exceed 5 feet in height and 32 square feet in area.
  - \* On parcels with dual street frontage, a second sign not to exceed 30 inches in height and 5 square feet in area is allowed.

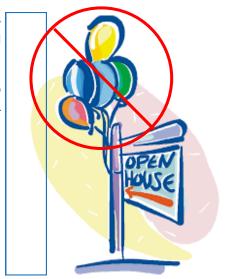
#### **Open House Signs**

One open house sign may also be placed on the private property within the limitations below:

- One (1) open house sign not to exceed three (3) square feet in an area and thirty-six (36) inches in height may be placed on the private property of the home that is for sale during the open house.
- Open house signs are permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and shall be placed on the property no earlier than 11:30 a.m. and shall be removed no later than 5:30 p.m. on the day of the open house.
- Such signs shall not contain any attachments such as, but not limited to streamers, flags or balloons – or any other inflatable or windblown device.

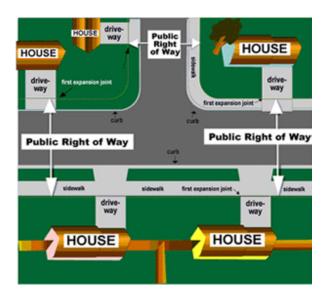
# **Prohibited Signs**

Off-premise directional signs are prohibited.



### **Public Rights-of-ways**

A strip of land dedicated or deeded to the public and accepted by the City Council, occupied or intended to be occupied by a street, driveway access, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission line, oil or gas pipeline, storm drainage way, water main, sanitary or storm sewer main sidewalk/bicycle path or for similar special use and within which traditional public discourse and communication occurs and may occur.



# Why Signs Are Removed

Real Estate signs NOT permitted and are placed in the public right-of-way are in violation of City Code of Ordinance, Chapter 26, Article 11, Section 11.8 (d) (2), "...shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be seized by the enforcement official or other representative of the City, and the person owning or placing the sign may be charged both with a violation of this Article and with the cost of removing and disposing of the sign."

# Things to Remember ...

- \* When placing a real estate sign, remember it cannot be in the right-of-way. On a side street in the SRO District that would be 13-15 feet back from the edge of pavement.
- \* Since the width of right-of-ways vary, you can use the location of power lines or telephone boxes as an approximate location where the private property line is. The utilities are located within the right-of-way, so if the sign is back behind the line of the utilities, it is not likely to be in the right-of-way.



#### City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26 - Zoning & Land Development Regulations

- ⇒ Article 3 Regulating Districts, Section 3.13, SRO, Special Residential Overlay District, Subsection (s) Real Estate Signs
- ⇒ Article 11 Sign Standards, Section 11.3, Permitted Signs, Subsection (I) Real Estate Signs

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