

XVIII. Signs and Solicitation Rules

The HVL Streets and Parks Committee and the HVL POA Board of Directors have approved the following rules for all HVL POA signs and solicitations. For the privacy and convenience of all, we sincerely request the cooperation of all HVL POA members, their immediate family members and their guests in adhering to these rules. These rules shall remain in force until changed or amended upon recommendation by the HVL POA Streets and Parks Committee and approved by the HVL Board of Directors.

All Federal, State of Indiana, and Dearborn County solicitation laws apply in Hidden Valley Lake.

A. Definitions of Terms

For the following Hidden Valley Lake (HVL) Signs and Solicitation Rules, unless the context otherwise indicates when used in conjunction with the term, the definitions of the following terms apply:

- ◆ **Sign** – Any structure, poster, placard or banner that contains information, fact, quality, advertising, etc.
- ◆ **Double frontage property** – Property having frontage on two non-intersecting streets as distinguished from a corner lot. Both street lines shall be deemed front lot lines.

B. Signs Rules

1) General Signs Rules

- a. Any sign posted within HVL shall not exceed three (3) feet in height or three (3) feet in width.
- b. Any sign posted within HVL shall not be installed higher than six feet distance from the ground to the top of the sign.
- c. No signs shall be attached to trees, corner posts or street, amenity, event or traffic signs on community property within HVL.
- d. No signs shall be placed in front of the wall located at the intersection of Alpine and Hidden Valley Drive.
- e. Any type of sign not specifically identified within this section of the HVL POA Handbook shall not be permitted without the written approval of the HVL POA Community Manager (see subsection B.6) Sign Approval Process).
- f. Any sign larger than three (3) feet in height or three (3) feet in width shall only be approved by the HVL POA Community Manager.

2) Election and/or Political Signs Rules

- a. “Election” or “Political” signs may not be posted on either private property or on community property within HVL sooner than thirty (30) days prior to an election and must be removed the day after the election is held. Only one (1) “Election” or “Political” sign shall be permitted per personal property lot.
- b. All “Election” or “Political” signs shall be removed within one (1) day after the election is held. It is the responsibility of the property owner to remove the sign in a timely manner.

3) Signs Rules for Garage Sales, Parties and Sales of Personal Property on Community Property within HVL

- a. "Directional" signs for garage sales, parties and sale of personal property posted on community property within HVL may provide information on how to reach the subject's private property. Prices shall not be displayed on any sign posted on community property within HVL at any time. "Directional" signs may be placed one (1) day prior to the event and shall be removed within twelve (12) hours of the conclusion of the event.

4) Signs Rules for New Homes, Home Additions Under Construction, Vacant Lots and Lots with Existing Homes

- a. Only one (1) "Real Estate" and "Open House" sign shall be placed on an owner's private property. Two (2) "Real Estate" and "Open House" signs shall be permitted only on private lakefront property, private golf course property or private double frontage property. Only one "Real Estate" sign shall be permitted on private lots located on street corners. Prices shall not be displayed on any sign posted on private property or on community property within HVL at any time. However, MLS sheets may be included in an enclosed container or box affixed to the "Real Estate" sign on private property. "Open House" signs may be posted up two (2) days prior to the open house and must be taken down by midnight after the conclusion of the open house event.
- b. All "Real Estate" signs shall be removed thirty (30) days after the date of closing. It is the responsibility of the Realtor or the property owner to remove the sign in a timely manner.
- c. All "Builder" signs shall be removed thirty (30) days after the performance bond is approved for return. It is the responsibility of the builder or the property owner to remove the sign in a timely manner.

5) Sign Approval Process

- a. All signs that are to be approved shall be brought to the HVL POA office and a Sign-Approval Request Form shall be completed.
- b. The HVL POA Community Manager shall provide a letter of approval or denial.
- c. If the approval is granted, a small sticker shall be placed on the sign or signs to show the Community Manager's approval.
- d. All Sign Approval Request Forms shall be approved or denied by the HVL POA Community Manager within two (2) weeks of the submission of the form.
- e. Each sign shall be approved for a time frame determined by the HVL POA Community Manager but shall not exceed thirty (30) days. "Beware of Dog" signs shall be approved for one (1) year increments.

6) Signs in Violation

- a. Signs in violation of the above rules are subject to receive a citation and shall be removed by HVL POA personnel. HVL POA personnel shall attempt to notify the property owner and/or individual of the violation.
- b. Signs removed shall be kept for fifteen (15) days for the property owner and/or individual at the HVL POA Office. HVL POA personnel shall dispose of signs not picked up within this time period.

C. Solicitation Rules

- 1) Door-to-door sales or solicitation within HVL is prohibited.
- 2) Placing of literature or brochures on doors, mailboxes, etc. within HVL is prohibited.
- 3) Distribution of literature or information on streets, street corners, etc. within HVL is prohibited.

- 4) The HVL POA Board of Directors from time to time may allow, by permit, solicitation within HVL and may place restrictions on these permits as they see fit. Parties wishing to obtain a solicitation permit must apply in writing to the HVL POA Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the date solicitation activities are to start.
- 5) Duly nominated candidates must register in writing at the POA office to campaign in Hidden Valley Lake from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. no sooner than 30 days prior to the election. Only the candidates can campaign in the Valley not a group of supporters.