

YARD SIGNS: As a reminder, yard signs are not allowed in Lowry.

POLICY REASONINGS:

Several times over the past few years, resident members have asked that this policy be reviewed and reconsidered. This has been done, again just recently, without a change to the policy. Primary reasons the current policy remains in place and unchanged are:

- a) If the community allows one type of sign, or one type of messaging, then all types of signs and all types of messages would generally need to be allowed. While we can all think of messages we can appreciate and would like to support, we can also all think of messages we'd despise having to look at in the yard next door.
- b) Even if rules and regulations could be crafted to support the intent of "only positive messages" to be displayed on signs, a judgment would have to occur about what is positive, and what is not. We know this is fraught with differences of opinion. This would put the LCMA in the business of being the messaging police, and that is not the business we are in.
- c) An adopted policy must be uniformly enforceable. A "no yard signs" policy is. Enforceability with any other policy becomes really tricky, if not impossible. This really becomes a question of, "do we want to allow yard signs, or not?"
- d) The neighborhood wide community survey results from last summer suggests that the number one reason people like living in Lowry, is that it is a peaceful and welcoming place with the beauty of parks and maturing trees, and that it feels like a respite from the hustle and activity in the city. The "no yard signs" policy maintains an uncluttered visual landscape and supports and enhances this perception of a peaceful, more natural place.
- e) Lastly, the LCMA considers whether it's policies support its mandate to maintain or improve the quality of life for members of the community. We understand that in especially turbulent times that some may feel individually better about being able to post a sign in their yard. We also know that others might object and feel their lives to be diminished if a change were to occur. In considering a change to the policy, we cannot conclude that swaying from the current policy improves the quality of life for the whole community, when such strong arguments exist that it could be detrimental to change and threaten what some appreciate most about this community. In considering this again, and again, not changing the policy, the LCMA chooses to do no harm here.

Our "no yard signs" policy is intended to support the peaceful, "welcoming to all" nature of this community. We appreciate your understanding and respect for the policy. Please remove all yard signs that you may have posted recently. Compliance requests will be forthcoming shortly for those who have failed to do so.