



# Outdoor Temporary Display/Structure *Procedures & Guidelines*

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§ 23-9.2:13. Restrictions on student speech; limitations.

Public institutions of higher education shall not impose restrictions on the time, place, and manner of student speech that (i) occurs in the outdoor areas of the institution's campus and (ii) is protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution unless the restrictions (a) are reasonable, (b) are justified without reference to the content of the regulated speech, (c) are narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental interest, and (d) leave open ample alternative channels for communication of the information.

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## **Outdoor Events:**

### **Temporary structures, displays and other inanimate objects.**

Temporary structures, displays and other inanimate objects as part of student speech may reside temporarily in outdoor spaces of the University in accordance to the Code of Virginia Section 23-9.2:13. The placement of freestanding structures, displays and other inanimate objects will be considered an event and follow the university scheduling policies and guidelines in accordance with University Policy 1103: Space Utilization and Scheduling (this would exclude objects that are fully contained to one's person).

### **Safety Hazard**

If any or part of the object(s) is deemed a safety hazard after inspection by the office of Environment, Health and Safety, (or their designate) then object(s) may be cordoned off, dismantled or removed. A reasonable effort will be made to contact the student owner to inform them of the safety issue, prior to action in order to give the student owner the ability to fix or remove the object. The owner of said object(s) may be billed if the University has incurred costs associated with a hazard posed by the object(s).

### **Abandonment**

If the owner of the object(s) has abandoned the object(s) or after a reasonable attempt the owner cannot be identified then the object(s) may be removed. If the object was not destroyed or disposed of and the owner later becomes known, the object may be returned to the owner. The owner of said object(s) may be billed for university cost associated with the object(s).

### **Reserved Outdoor Venues**

Temporary structures, displays and other inanimate objects may be removed from the reserved venue boundaries is desired by the event organizer/client. The owner of said objects may be billed if the University has to move the objects. It may be necessary to remove the objects prior to the actual event reservation in order to properly prepare the space for the event client/organizer. A reasonable attempt will be made to contact and verify the owner of the object(s) is a student prior to removal to inform them of the upcoming scheduled event as well as provide the student owner a reasonable time in which the object(s) needs to be

removed by the owner. The university will make a reasonable effort to suggest and accommodate an alternated location for the student owner of the object. This applies to events that have been properly reserved through the University Scheduling System/Processes.

Related University Policies, Regulations and Statements:

- University Policy 1103: Space Utilization and Scheduling
- University Policy 1109: Poster Policy
- University Policy 1110: Vending Sales and Solicitation