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Instructions for Political Candidates City Requirements for Campaign Signs

The City of Palmdale's Zoning Ordinance Article 88 regulates any signs erected for your campaign. Campaign signs do not require issuance of a sign permit and are permitted in any zone, pursuant to the following requirements:

- The maximum size of the sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet and the total height of the sign, including supporting posts, shall not be higher than eight (8) feet above the ground.
- Campaign or political signs cannot be attached to any public property or located in any public right of way, meaning that they cannot be placed on street signs, other campaign or political signs, utility poles or fire hydrants, or placed directly beside any public road. Also, campaign or political signs cannot be placed on private property or attached or otherwise affixed to privately owned signs without the permission of the owner of the sign, and/or the owner of the property.
- Campaign or political signs cannot be lighted.
- Campaign or political signs must be removed within ten days following the election.
- Signs for political candidates are presumed to have been erected by the political candidate or his or her representative; therefore, the candidate or his or her representative are responsible for removing signs after the election or relocating any signs found to be out of compliance with local codes.
- It is illegal under the City's Zoning Ordinance for anyone to remove, destroy, relocate, or otherwise disturb any campaign or political sign, without the permission of the party who erected the sign. There are two exceptions to this prohibition: the owner of a piece of property can remove a sign from his or her property if permission for the sign location has not been granted; and, the City's Code Enforcement staff may take action to remove illegal campaign signs.

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Violation. If the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding campaign signs are violated, you will be required to remove the sign, and if the sign is not removed within the specified time period, the City will remove the sign and may charge the campaign or candidate the actual costs of removing, storing or otherwise disposing of the sign.

If you would like a copy of Zoning Ordinance Section 88.07 Exemptions to Sign Permits Requirements, which explains the requirements for campaign signs, contact the Planning Department at the address and phone number provided below.

**Questions? Call City of Palmdale Planning Division at 267-5200
or visit our office at 38250 N. Sierra Hwy.**