

Election Campaign Signs

Regulation References

[Solana Beach Municipal Code](#)

11.20.010 Definitions.

E. "Encroachment" means any tower, pole, pole line, pipe, pipeline, driveway, private road, fence, sign, stand or building or any structure or object of any kind or character not particularly mentioned in this chapter, which is placed in, under or over any portion of the highway, public right-of-way or public easement.

J. "Public right-of-way" means any right-of-way granted to the city or to the city on behalf of the public, for the construction, installation or maintenance of any highway, way, utility, or other appurtenant facility or improvements.

11.20.280 Installation without permission.

A. Any encroachment on a public right-of-way, of any nature whatsoever, which is installed without appropriate permission as required in this chapter, shall constitute violation of this chapter and shall immediately be removed.

17.64.040 Prohibited signs.

H. Signs placed or maintained within, upon or over any post, pole, tree, shrub, stone, utility pole, traffic control device, hydrant or other similar object, in any street, alley or sidewalk, or on any public property in the city except: (1) directional, warning, traffic control, informational, community identification or temporary special event signs or structures required by law placed, erected or installed by on behalf of federal, state, county or city agencies, and (2) projecting signs which comply with SBMC 17.64.080. For the purposes of this chapter, "public property" shall include, without limitation, property owned by the city or any governmental agency, any public right-of-way or easement, and any property subject to a public open space easement;

17.64.060 Signs or actions exempt from permit requirements.

Unless otherwise specifically prohibited or regulated by the provisions of this chapter regulating signs within various zones, or by the terms of a comprehensive sign plan, the signs or actions listed below are allowed and are exempt from the requirements for sign permits. An electrical, building or similar construction permit may be required under SBMC Title 15. Signs which are not installed or maintained, or actions which are not done in full compliance with the terms or conditions of this section, are prohibited.

Q. Election Campaign Signs. In addition to other authorized temporary signs conveying noncommercial messages, campaign signs relating to federal, state, county, city, school district, special district or other governmental agency elections are permitted on private property. Each campaign sign shall not exceed five square feet in area and, if freestanding, 42 inches in height. Signs attached to and not exceeding the top of fences or buildings may exceed the 42-inch height limit. Each campaign sign shall be removed within 10 days of the election to which it relates.

CITY OF SOLANA BEACH

Campaign Sign/Poster Rules & Designee Form

The City of Solana Beach would like to provide you with a set of guidelines for the placement of your campaign signs. These guidelines are intended to establish a common understanding for all candidates and their committees on the appropriate placement of campaign signs. Should you or your committee chair have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to call the Code Compliance office or the City Clerk's office.

In most campaigns, candidates will have volunteers responsible for arranging the placement of campaign signs within the community. Please make copies of these facts available to your campaign workers. The City's greatest concern is placement of these signs in the public right-of-way. **Do not allow your signs to be placed** in the following locations:

- **Within any public street right-of-way.** These sites include:
 - street trees
 - pedestrian barricades
 - fence barricades.
 - center medians
- **Private property** *without the permission* of said property owner.
- **Utility poles** - Utility districts will remove these signs as they pose a safety hazard to their employees who climb the poles. State of California General Order No. 95, Rules for Overhead Line Construction, Rule No. 34 directly addresses the issue of unauthorized attachment of signs to utility poles.
- Notices or leaflets **should not be placed in mailboxes or allowed to litter yards, sidewalks or streets.**

The City strongly suggests that you advise your volunteers and any private company you hire to install campaign signs of these guidelines. The City is aware of the significant cost in volunteer time and money to install these signs and does not wish to remove campaign signs that are inappropriately placed.

POST ELECTION

The City would like to recommend that a person or sub-committee be responsible for collecting your signs after the election. This effort is greatly appreciated by the community you wish to serve.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City's sign regulations are enforced through the City's Code Compliance Department. Public property is defined as the area measured ten (10) feet from the curb face on pavement edge. The first infraction will be a warning followed by citations for subsequent violations.

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Election Campaign Signs Regulations pursuant to Solana Beach Municipal Code Section 17.64.060Q (Zoning)

In addition to other authorized temporary signs conveying noncommercial messages, campaign signs relating to Federal, State, County, City, School District, Special District or other governmental agency elections are permitted on private property. Each campaign sign shall not exceed five square feet in area and, if freestanding, forty-two (42) inches in height. Signs attached to and not exceeding the top of fences or buildings may exceed the forty-two inch height limit. Each campaign sign shall be removed within ten days of the election to which it relates.

- Public property is defined as the area measured ten (10) feet from the curb face on pavement edge.
- Sign height is measured from the insertion point in the ground, excluding groundcover, to the highest point on the sign, including any mounting device or stand.
- NO signs permitted on public property.

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN SIGN DESIGNEE

This information is necessary for the Code Compliance department.

Election date: _____

Name of Candidate: _____

Address of Candidate: _____

Phone Number of Candidate: _____ Email: _____

Name of individual in charge of all political signs for the above referenced candidate:

Address: _____

Day/Eve Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN SIGN AGREEMENT

I, the candidate, have read and understand the City's political sign rules and assume full responsibility for complying with the City of Solana Beach sign regulations. I understand that any signs posted in the public right-of-way will be subject to immediate removal by the City's Code Compliance Officer.

Candidate signature: _____

Date: _____