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Temporary Signs Related to a Political Campaign

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. ***Are political campaign signs regulated in the City of Moreno Valley?***
   Political campaign signs are regulated in the City as "temporary signs," consistent with the most current opinions of the United Staes Supreme Court regarding the regulation of signs by local government.

2. ***Do I need a permit to post, install or display temporary signs related to a political campaign?***
   No permits are required to post, install or display temporary signs related to a political campaign unless the physical structure of the sign requires a building permit.

3. ***Do I have to register any information with the City before I start posting, installing or displaying temporary signs related to a political campaign?***
   There is no registration requirement, but it is highly recommended that you contact the Community Enhancement Division at 951.413.3340 to identify the individual to contact in the event the City needs to inform your campaign of any illegally placed signs that can be retrieved from the City before the City disposes of them.

4. ***When may I post, install or display temporary signs related to a political campaign?***
   Candidates and supporters may post, install and display temporary signs related to a political campaign **90 days prior** to and **10 days after** any official election. For this November 3, 2026 General Election, such signs may not be posted, installed or displayed before **August 5, 2026**.

5. ***When must I remove a temporary sign related to a political campaign?***
   All temporary signs related to a political campaign must be taken down or removed no later than 10 days after the election, which is **November 13, 2026** for this November 3, 2026 General Election.

6. ***May I post, install or display temporary signs related to a political campaign on private property?***

   Temporary signs related to a political campaign may be posted, installed or displayed on private property only with the consent of the property owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of the property.

7. ***May I post, install or display temporary signs related to a political campaign on public property?***

   Temporary signs related to a political campaign **may not** be posted, installed, or displayed on any of the following:

   - Public buildings, structures, walls, fences, etc.
   - Trees or shrubs located on public property such as in the City's parks or along parkways, sidewalks, trails, etc.
   - In or on any public streets, roadways, sidewalks, parkways, trails or street medians.

8. ***Are there any other restrictions related to posting, installing or displaying temporary signs related to a political campaign?***

   a. Temporary signs related to a political campaign may not be placed in any manner that:

      - Creates a condition that endangers the safety of persons or property;
      - Obscures the view of fire hydrant, traffic sign, traffic signal, street sign or public information sign; or
      - Blocks the line of sight for vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

   b. No lot shall contain temporary signs related to a political campaign having an aggregate surface area in excess of 80 square feet.

   c. No temporary sign related to a political campaign shall be permitted on any median separating opposite vehicular traffic on any public streets or other public rights-of-way.

9. ***How large may a temporary sign related to a political campaign be?***

   a. No **single sign** shall exceed 32 square feet.
   b. No **freestanding sign** shall exceed six feet in height.
   c. No **window signs** shall cover more than 25 percent of the "clear sight" window area and they must be placed between four and seven feet above the finished floor level.
   d. No **banner sign** shall be placed lower than eight feet above any walkway below.
   e. No **canopy sign** shall be placed lower than eight feet above any walkway below.

10. ***May lights be used to illuminate a temporary sign related to a political campaign?***

    No temporary sign related to a political campaign shall be artificially lighted.

11. ***What happens if I violate any of these sign regulations?***

The signs will be removed and stored for no more than 30 days. If you do not provide contact information on the sign itself or similar information to the Community Enhancement Division, the City will not be able to contact you to notify you that the signs need to be picked up. As such, after 30 days, the illegal signs will be destroyed. Additionally, the City will require that you pay for the costs of removal and storage of the illegal signs.

12. Who do I call to retrieve any signs the City may have removed?

If you have any questions regarding the removal of any signs by the City, you should contact Community Enhancement Division at 951.413.3340.