

# CITY CODE AND LAND USE CODE PROVISIONS RELATING TO ELECTION SIGNS

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- “Election signs” includes signs, fliers, notices or posters.
- Election signs cannot be fastened or affixed to public property.
- Election signs cannot be placed or installed on or within a public right-of-way or other public property.
- Election signs cannot be fastened or affixed to private property, including motor vehicles and other personal property, without the permission of the owner or occupants of such property.
- Permission to fasten or affix election signs to the front door of private residences is implied from the presence of an improved walkway connecting the residence directly to a public right-of-way, unless:
  - Access to the walkway is restricted by a fence, gate or other permanent structure;
  - A “No Trespassing” or “No Solicitation” sign or a sign prohibiting posting is posted at or near the entrance to the residence; or
  - The owner or occupant of a particular residence has notified the person/entity intending to fasten or affix the sign(s) that such signs may not be posted.
- If the City Engineer determines that an election sign has been fastened, affixed, placed or installed in or on public property, the City shall attempt to contact the candidate to notify him/her that the sign will be removed by the City and destroyed if not removed by the candidate within 24 hours of the notice.
- If the sign creates a safety hazard, or if the sign is discovered by the City within the 24 hours preceding a Saturday, Sunday, City holiday, or election day, the City is not required to give notice before removing and destroying the sign.
- Failure to remove a sign after notice has been given is a violation of the City Code punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,650 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 180 days.

Complaints should be made to the Inspection Request Line at 416-2200.