

COUNTY OF EL DORADO

SIGN INFORMATION

DO NOT USE UTILITY POLES FOR SIGNS

California Business and Professions Code §5460

California Penal Code §556.1

CPUC General Order 95, Rule 39

Signs and posters are prohibited on all utility poles, guides and supports

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SIGN INFORMATION PACKET

To: Candidates and Committees

Re: Temporary Political Signs

The placement of temporary political signs in El Dorado County prior to an election are governed by the California Business and Professions Code as well as regulations adopted by the Cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. In addition, the State Department of Transportation requires a Statement of Responsibility to be filed certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign(s).

Enclosed please find applicable excerpts of the State of California Business and Professions Code, El Dorado County Environmental Management, city regulations, State Department of Transportation and other information that applies directly to temporary political signs.

For further information, please call:

City of Placerville – Andrew Painter (530) 642-5252

**City of South Lake Tahoe – Susan Alessi (530) 542-6004
or City Planning Dept. – (530) 542-6020**

State of California – Dept. of Transportation (916) 651-9327

El Dorado County – Environmental Management (530) 621-5300



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2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667
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New Sign Ordinance Regulations for Signage Posted Before, During and After an Election

On July 28, 2015, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors adopted a comprehensive update to the County's Sign Ordinance (Chapter 130.16 of Title 130). The new Ordinance became effective 30 days after adoption on August 27, 2015.

The Sign Ordinance contains new requirements for signage posted before, during and after an election (Sec. 130.16.030.B.10), including but not limited to:

- Allows for increased total sign area (**up to 32 square feet**) beginning **90 days before an election** and **ending 2 weeks after** such an election, after which point signs shall be reduced to 6 square feet. (Sec. 130.16.030.B.10.b)
- Signs must be set back at least 5 feet from the public right-of-way and may not project above the roofline of any structure. (Sec. 130.16.030.B.10.a)
- Signs are **prohibited in the County right-of-way** and may not obstruct or interfere with the motoring public or the view of a traffic signal, other traffic control device or traffic sign. (Sec. 130.16.030, 130.16.070 and California Vehicle Code)
- Signs are **prohibited** from being affixed to an element or structure on the public right-of-way, or located on a publicly owned tree, fence, or utility pole or otherwise posted on public property. (Sec. 130.16.090.B.7)

Any signs found to be in the County right-of-way or otherwise in violation of the Sign Ordinance are subject to immediate removal. (Sec. 130.16.110.B)

To view/print the complete Sign Ordinance, visit the County website at:

www.edcgov.us/LongRangePlanning/LandUse/Sign_Ordinance_Update.aspx

For questions regarding the Sign Ordinance, please call the Community Development Agency, Development Services Division, at (530) 621-5355.



City of Placerville

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July 6, 2016

Subject: *Campaign Signage - City of Placerville Sign Ordinance*

To all candidates and other interested parties:

This letter will serve as a courtesy reminder as to the City regulations governing the size, placement and removal of all political campaign signs within Placerville City Limits.

The City Council has adopted regulations pertaining to temporary signs within the City of Placerville. These regulations exempt political signs, provided that they meet the following criteria and are not placed, constructed or located in any manner so as to cause a hazard or nuisance to persons or property:

City Municipal Code § 10-4-17 (C), *Exempt Signs:*

- 4. Temporary political signs not exceeding 16 square feet in area in commercial districts nor more than 8 square feet in residential districts provided the signs are erected no more than 60 days prior to and removed 15 working days following the election for which they were intended. Political signs are not permitted on public property, rights of way, nor attached to trees or natural features.**

Please be advised that campaign signs which violate the Sign Ordinance, including but not limited to the section above, may be subject to abatement action pursuant to provisions in the Code, including but not limited to:

City Municipal Code § 10-4-17 (L), *General Requirements For Abatement:*

- 4. A political sign not posted in accordance with this section shall be removed by the candidate, property owner or person advocating the message on the sign and, upon their failure to do so within the rime required herein, by the City.**

Our full Sign Ordinance, City Code Section 10-4-17, is available for your reference on our website. Please visit cityofplacerville.org and navigate to City Government > City Code. Candidates and other interested parties are encouraged to contact the Development Services Department with questions at (530) 642-5252.

Andrew Painter, City Planner

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS
IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE CITY CODE –

Rules and Regulations Regarding Political Signs and Placement Thereof:

Section 25-4:

79.1. “Political sign” means a sign advertising a candidate for public office, a proposition, or other issue to be voted on by the general public.

Section 25-12:

(A) “For each parcel, one temporary sign per street frontage which is not greater than 12 square feet in area, is not internally illuminated, and is not displayed for more than 30 days in a calendar year, except that for 60 days preceding a general, primary or special election more than one such sign may be placed on each parcel, provided they are removed immediately after the election.”

√ **It is required that placement of any political sign needs the property owner’s permission. This means on any property: residence, business or vacant lot.**

√ **Political signs are prohibited and cannot be placed on any city owned public property.**

√ **Political Signs cannot be placed on any utility pole or city owned/posted snow removal pole.**

√ **Caltrans rules: temporary political signs shall not be placed within the right of way of any highway. Any questions regarding placement on Highway 50/Lake Tahoe Boulevard or Highway 89/Emerald Bay Road, please contact Caltrans at (916) 654-6473.**

√ **All political signs must be removed immediately after the election.**

Please be advised that upon any violation to these rules/regulations, either on a complaint basis or by sighting of code enforcement personnel, the sign will be removed immediately, therefore possible result in forfeiture of the Candidate’s \$137 City Sign Deposit.

**Required Form to be Completed by Any Ballot Measure Committee,
Candidate Running for Public Office within the City of South Lake Tahoe
Prior to the Placement of Political Signs**

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS
IN THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE SOUGHT: _____

Refundable Deposit of \$137 Required.
Please make check payable to City of South Lake Tahoe
(Address: 1901 Airport Road., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; Attn: City Clerk)

Received by: _____ Date: _____

The undersigned accepts responsibility for conformance to City of South Lake Tahoe City Code Section 25-4(79.1) and Section 25-12(A) as set forth in TRPA Code of Ordinances Chapter 26.3.5 and the rules and regulations set forth above.

It is understood and agreed that any violations to the rules set forth above and signs placed and not removed within the time set forth by the City of South Lake Tahoe and TRPA requirements will result in forfeiture of said \$137 deposit to offset the City's costs for removal.

**A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR REFUND OF THE \$137 DEPOSIT MUST BE
SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK UPON REMOVAL OF ALL SIGNS**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM

Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either office or a ballot measure, this reminder about State law governing campaign signs should be helpful to you.

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act exempts the placing of Temporary Political Signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

- A. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- B. Is placed no sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed with 10 days after that election.
- C. Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- D. Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign (Attached).

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to:

Division of Traffic Operations
Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Temporary Political Signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "Landscaped freeway".

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. We are calling these provisions to your attention to avoid possible embarrassment or inconvenience to you and your supporters. Please share this information with those assisting in your campaign.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please call (916) 651-9327.

Enclosure

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM**

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY
POLITICAL SIGNS**

Election Date: _____ June _____ November Other: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Office sought or Proposition Number: _____

County where sign(s) will be placed: _____

Number of signs to be placed: _____

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (Include Area Code) _____

The undersigned hereby accepts responsibility for the removal of Temporary Political Signs placed pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act for the above candidate or proposition.

It is understood and agreed that any Temporary Political Signs placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election and/or not removed within ten (10) days after the election, may be removed by the Department and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

DATE

Mail Statement of Responsibility to:

Division of Traffic Operations
Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

California Election Code

Section 18370

18370

No person, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official's office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of making his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in Section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering as defined by Section 319.5.

As used in this section, "100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under Section 3018, or an elections official's office: means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 146, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2010.)

California Business and Profession Code

Section 5460-5466

5460

It is unlawful for any person to place or cause to be placed, or to maintain or cause to be maintained any advertising display without the lawful permission of the owner or lessee of the property upon which the advertising display is located.

(Added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 991.)

5461

All advertising displays which are placed or which exist in violation of the provisions of this chapter are public nuisances and may be removed by any public employee as further provided in this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 991.)

5463

The director may revoke any license or permit for the failure to comply with this chapter and may remove and destroy any advertising display placed or maintained in violation of this chapter after 30 days' written notice is forwarded by mail to the permit holder at his or her last known address. If no permit has been issued, a copy of the notice shall be forwarded by mail to the display owner, property owner, or advertiser at his or her last known address.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the director or any authorized employee may summarily and without notice remove and destroy any advertising display placed in violation of this chapter which is temporary in nature because of the materials of which it is constructed or because of the nature of the copy thereon.

For the purpose of removing or destroying any advertising display placed in violation of this chapter, the director or the director's authorized agent may enter upon private property.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 594, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2004.)

5464

Every person as principal, agent or employee, violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 991.)

5465

The remedies provided in this chapter for the removal of illegal advertising displays are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

(Added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 991)

5466

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, as to an advertising display in place as of August 12, 2004, a cause of action for the erection or maintenance of an advertising display that violates this chapter or the laws of a local governmental entity shall not be brought by a private party against an advertising display that has been in continuous existence in its current location for a period of five years. However, if the advertising display has been illegally modified, the cause of action for the illegal modification may be brought by a private party if it is filed within five years of the date the modification was made.
- (b) This section shall not apply to a cause of action brought by a governmental entity that is based on the erection or maintenance of an advertising display that violates this chapter or the laws of the governmental entity.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 529, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2005.)

California Penal Code

Sections 556-556.4

556

It is a misdemeanor for any person to place or maintain, or cause to be placed or maintained without lawful permission upon any property of the State, or of a city or of a county, any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device which is used for the purpose of advertising or which advertises or brings to notice any person, article of merchandise, business or profession, or anything that is to be or has been sold, bartered, or given away.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 32.)

556.1

It is a misdemeanor for any person to place or maintain or cause to be placed or maintained upon any property in which he has no estate or right of possession any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device which is used for the purpose of advertising, or which advertises or brings to notice any person, article of merchandise, business or profession or anything that is to be or has been sold, bartered, or given away, without the consent of the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of such property before such sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device is placed upon the property.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 32.)

556.2

Sections 556 and 556.1 do not prevent the posting of any notice required by law or order of any court, to be posted, nor the posting or placing of any notice, particularly pertaining to the grounds or premises upon which the notice is so posted or placed, nor the posting or placing of any notice, sign, or devise used exclusively for giving public notice of the name, direction or condition of any highway, street, lane, road or alley.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 32.2)

556.3

Any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device placed on any property contrary to the provisions of Sections 556 and 556.1, is a public nuisance.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 32.)

556.4

For purposes of this article, information that appears on any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device such as, but not limited to, the following, may be used as evidence to establish the fact, and may create an inference, that a person or entity is responsible for the posting of the sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device:

- (a) The name, telephone number, address, or other identifying information regarding the real estate broker, real estate brokerage firm, real estate agent, or other person associated with the firm.
- (b) The name, telephone number, address, or other identifying information of the owner or lessee of property used for a commercial activity or event.
- (c) The name, telephone number, address, or other identifying information of the sponsor or promoter of a sporting event, concert, theatrical performance, or similar activity or event.

(Added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 192, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1999.)

39 Minimum Clearances of Wires from Signs

Clearance between any overhead line conductor and all signs, whether mounted on buildings, isolated structures or otherwise constructed shall not be less than the values given in Table 2-A at a temperature of 60° F. and no wind.

The clearances specified in Table 2-A shall in no case be reduced more than 10% because of temperature and loading as specified in Rule 43. All clearances of more than 5 inches shall be applicable from the centerlines of conductors concerned. Lesser clearances shall be applicable from conductor surfaces.

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Table 2-A Minimum Clearances of Wires from Signs Mounted on Buildings and Isolated Structures (a) (Letter References Denote Modifications of Minimum Clearances as Referred to in Notes Following this Table)

Case No.	Nature of Clearance Type of Sign	A Span Wires (Other than Trolley Span Wires) Overhead Guys and Messengers, Communication Cables and Communication Service Drops	B Communication Open Wire Conductors Supply Cables Treated as in Rule 57.8 and Supply Service Drops 0 - 750 Volts	C Supply Conductors, Supply Cables of 0 - 750 Volts and Trolley Span Wires	D Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 750 - 300,000 Volts (b)	E Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 300 - 550 kV
1	Vertical clearance above all signs upon which men can walk	8 Feet	8 Feet	8 Feet	12 Feet	20 Feet (g)
2	Vertical clearance above all signs upon which men cannot walk	2 Feet	2 Feet	3 Feet	8 Feet	20 Feet (g)
3	Vertical clearance under signs which are illuminated	2 Feet (c)	2 Feet (e)	3 Feet	Prohibited (f)	Prohibited
4	Vertical clearance under signs which are non-illuminated	6" (d)	1 Foot	3 Feet	Prohibited (f)	Prohibited
5	Horizontal clearance from signs which are illuminated	3 Feet (c)	3 Feet (e)	3 Feet	6 Feet	15 Feet (h)
6	Horizontal clearance from signs which are non-illuminated	6" (d)	1 Foot	3 Feet	6 Feet	15 Feet (h)

References to Rules Modifying Minimum Clearances in Table 2-A

Rule

- (a) These clearances do not apply to service drop conductors which are attached to signs for the purpose of serving such signs.
- (b) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorization of noncompliance with standards of the California division of industrial safety, including article e760-2 entitled "provision for preventing accidents due to proximity of high-voltage lines, 24 Cal. Adm. Code, Part 3, Basic Electrical Regulations.
- (c) May be reduced to 6 inches provided illuminated sign is grounded.
- (d) May be reduced if adequate separation is provided by means of a suitable non-conducting separator.
- (e) May be reduced to 1 foot for communication open wire conductors only, provided illuminated sign is grounded

Rule

- (f) When conductors are at a level of 8 feet or more below the level of the lowest portion of the sign but not vertically under the sign, no horizontal clearance is required between the vertical planes through the conductor nearest the sign and the vertical projection of the extremities of the sign. Also note (b) above.
- (g) Shall be increased by 0.04 foot per kV in excess of 300 kV.
- (h) Not applicable to certain kinds of conductors.
 - 1 Supply conductors of same phase and polarity
 - 2 Insulated supply conductors in multi-conductor cables
 - 3 Communication insulated conductors or multiple-conductor cables

- 54.4-C3c
- 57.4-C
- 87.4-C1

Note: Resolution E-1068 dated May 31, 1960 authorized the addition of the above Rule 39 and Table 2-A to be effective July 1, 1960. Revised March 30, 1968 by Decision No. 73813.