

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

DIVISION OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS  
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROGRAM  
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*Making Conservation  
a California Way of Life.*

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 within 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, and 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) 654-6473.

Enclosure

ODA-0027

STATE OF CALIFORNIA • DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS**  
ODA-0027 (NEW 12/2018)

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): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

Department of Transportation  
Division of Traffic Operations  
Outdoor Advertising Program  
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36  
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001  
Email: [ODA@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ODA@dot.ca.gov)

**County of Humboldt • Department of Public Works**  
**1106 Second Street • Eureka • CA • 95501 • 707.445.7205**



## Guidelines for the Placement of Election Signs on or near County Roads for Traffic Safety



**Prepared by:**

**Humboldt County Public Works  
Land Use Division  
707.445.7205**

**10/02/2019**

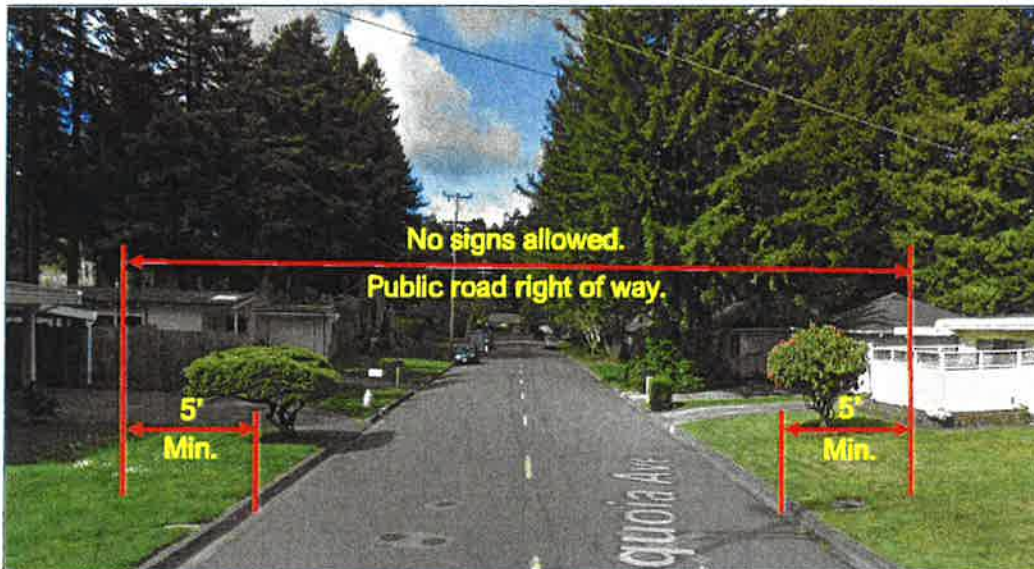
**Policy**

1. Election signs shall not be placed within a public road right of way. Public road right of ways vary in width from street to street and location to location. Determining the location of the right of way boundary can be a labor-intensive effort. For the purposes of placing election signs, the Department of Public Works has developed a set of right of way assumptions that will be used for enforcement of election signs. These assumptions are as follows:

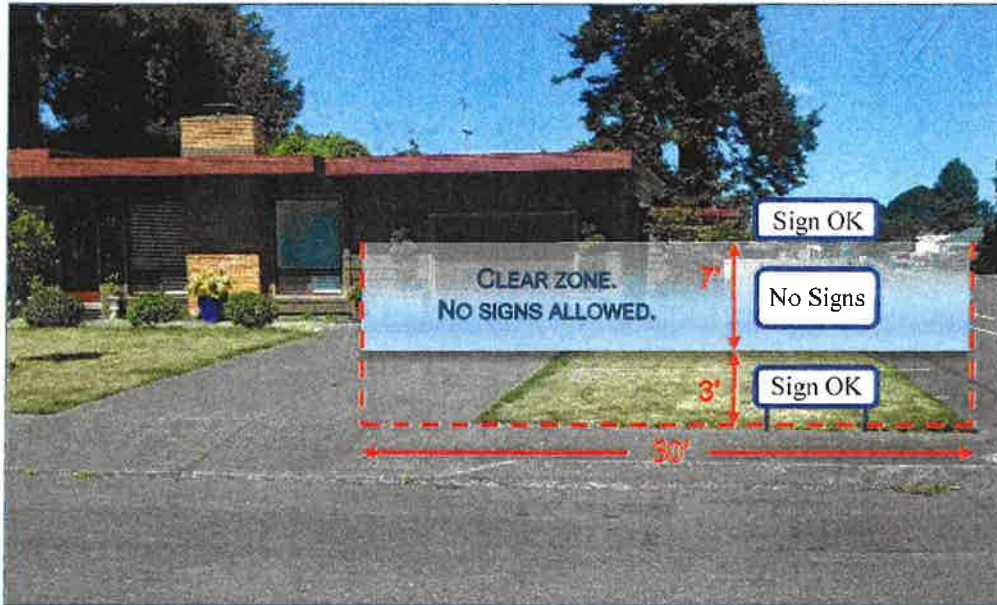
- In urban areas where sidewalk is present, the public road right of way line is assumed to be the back edge of the sidewalk.



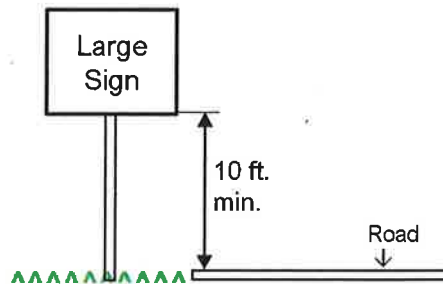
- In urban areas with a curb but without sidewalk, the public road right of way is assumed to be five (5) feet back from the face of the curb.



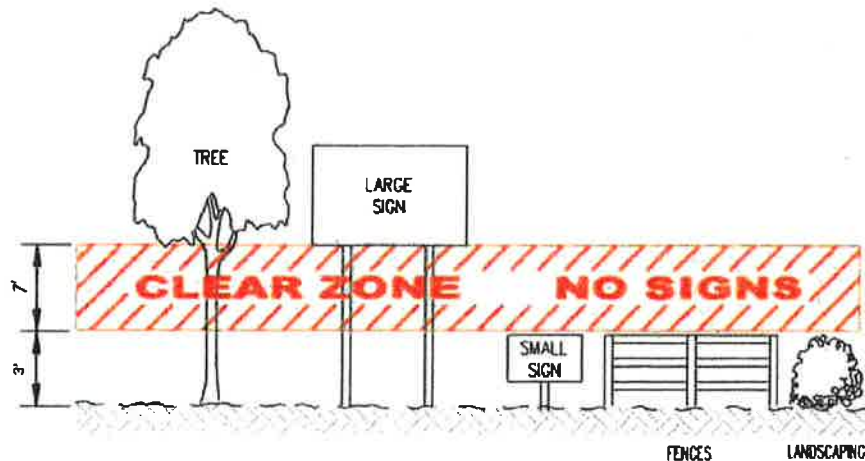
- Within the visibility triangle, signs must be lower than three feet (3') as measured from sidewalk/curb (or the road if no sidewalk or curb is present).



- For Large Signs: Within the visibility triangle, signs must be higher than ten feet (10') as measured from the sidewalk/curb (or the road if no sidewalk or curb is present).



- Maintain Clear Zone: Within the visibility triangle, a clear zone between three vertical feet and 10 vertical feet must be maintained.



## **CAMPAIGN SIGN RULES IN THE CITY OF ARCATA**

**Rules governing campaign signs in Arcata are limited to the following excerpt from Title IX of the Arcata Municipal Code—Land Use Code.**

### **Section 9.38.050(B)(2)**

**Political, social issue, or special event signs.** These non-illuminated signs are allowed without a sign permit and shall not be prohibited by any other development restrictions (i.e. CC&R's), provided that the signs:

- a. Are placed on private property with the property owner's consent
- b. Shall not exceed a total aggregate area of 12 square feet on a site within a residential zoning district, and 32 square feet within a non-residential zoning district.
- c. Are not placed within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, street sign, or traffic signal, or interfere with, confuse, obstruct, or mislead traffic;
- d. Are not placed unlawfully. The placement of a sign in a public right-of-way in violation of this Chapter or any other provision of the Municipal Code is a nuisance, and any sign so placed may be removed summarily and disposed of by the City; and
- e. Political and special event signs are placed no more than 60 days prior to the event and are removed within 10 days after the conclusion of the political campaign or event to which they relate. A sign that is not removed will be removed by the City at the expense of the political candidate or organization involved.

**Please note that campaign signs may not be posted on utility poles or in the public right-of-way.**



# CITY OF BLUE LAKE

Post Office Box 458 • 111 Greenwood Road • Blue Lake, CA 95525

Phone 707.668.5655 Fax 707.668.5916

The City of Blue Lake regulates signage through the City's zoning code; specifically, as it relates to political signage, Title 17, Section 17.24.120, Schedule E-*Schedule of Sign Regulations*, identifies the specific parameters for each type of sign, including 1) location, 2) maximum size, 3) Illumination and 4) additional requirements.

The City of Blue Lake regulates political signage under the Real Estate sign section which identifies the following sign parameters:

<b>Type of Sign</b>	<b>Location Permitted</b>	<b>Maximum Size</b>	<b>Illumination Permitted</b>	<b>Additional Requirements</b>
Real Estate Sign	Attached or free-standing temporary, minimum 10' from property line	6 sq. ft.	None	Maximum 3 months unless application for permit for longer period is approved

The City's Municipal Code is available online at <http://qcode.us/codes/bluelake/?view=desktop>, or can be accessed through the City's website at [www.bluelake.ca.gov](http://www.bluelake.ca.gov). City staff are also available to answer questions directly or by phone at 707-668-5655.

# Eureka, California

## Code of Ordinances

### Political Advertising

131.00

(C) *Posting prohibited.* No person shall paint, mark, or write on, or post or otherwise affix, or erect, construct, maintain, paste, nail, tack, or otherwise fasten or affix, any temporary sign on any sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, street lamp post, pole, bench, hydrant, tree, shrub, bridge, electric light or power or telephone wire pole, or wire appurtenance thereof or upon any street sign or traffic sign, or upon any other object located within the public right-of-way which is not maintained for the purpose of communications by temporary signs by the general public. ('63 Code, 4-15.03)

155.00

- (4) Temporary political signs. Temporary political signs shall:
- (a) Pertain to a candidate, ballot measure or issue to be voted upon **within 90 calendar days** of posting; and
  - (b) Be removed **within 10 calendar days** following the election.
  - (c) Be no larger than 16 square feet (e.g., 4€€ x 4€€).
  - (d) Not be placed within the public right-of-way.
  - (e) Not be placed so as to obstruct a motorist's clear view of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, traffic-control signs or signals; impede a pedestrian's free use of the sidewalk; or otherwise represent a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.



CITY OF FERNDALE

POB 1095

FERNDALE, CA 95536

*"A Historic Victorian Village"*



## Political Sign Guidelines\*-2020 Election

### General Guidelines

#### Political Signs

- Do not require a Sign Permit or Design Review Permit.
- May not be illuminated.
- May not exceed a total area of 12 square feet per parcel in a residential zone, and 32 square feet in a non-residential zone. All temporary signs on a parcel count towards this total.
- May be posted no earlier than the official announcement of candidacy for a public office, or announcement of a ballot initiative/proposition.
- Must be removed within 48 hours of the election.
- Any sign found in violation may be removed by the City at the expense of the political candidate or organization.

### Location Guidelines

#### Political Signs

- May be placed only on private property with the property owner's consent.
- May not be placed in any City right-of-way.
- May not be placed within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, street sign, traffic signal, or interfere with, confuse, obstruct, or mislead traffic.
- May not be attached to or suspended from a vehicle or other movable object unless it is permanently affixed to the vehicle.

**\*This is a summary of City regulations pertaining to political signs. Other regulations may apply. Please refer to the City of Ferndale Sign Ordinance 2013-02 (available online and at City Hall).**

**City of Fortuna**  
**ELECTION SIGN INFORMATION SHEET**

Temporary election signs, which support candidates or other political or campaign issues on the ballot of an election, are allowed within City limits under the provisions of Fortuna Municipal Code Section 17.05.180. The following summarizes the procedures and allowances under the Code:

- One sign per property

Election signs that **exceed** four (4) square feet in area or more than four (4) feet in height **DO** require a sign permit application to be reviewed and approved by the City. Requirements are as follows:

- May be placed only in commercial districts (check with Community Development Dept. if zoning confirmation is needed);
- Only one sign per property (regardless of size);
- Submit a completed Election Sign Permit Application form to the Community Development Department;
- The permit will be approved within two working days.
- Election Sign Permits are reviewed and approved at no charge.

Other regulations that apply to **ALL** political signs:

- May not be placed within a dedicated public right-of-way. Signs must be placed on private property only;
- Permission of the property owner must be granted.
- May not be placed within a 30 foot “vision clearance triangle” at City intersections and an 18-foot triangle adjacent to driveways.
- Must be removed within ten (10) days following the election.

**City of Fortuna**  
**ELECTION SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION**

This permit is required for Election Signs that exceed four (4) square feet in size or that are more than four (4) feet in height. Signs in excess of these size limitations are not allowed in residential districts (check with Community Development Dept. if zoning confirmation is needed) but are permitted in commercial zoning districts. Only one sign per commercial property is allowed. This application is to be completed and submitted to the Fortuna Community Development Department. Your permit will be issued within two working days.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sign Installer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Copy: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Location(s) *(attach separate sheet if necessary)*:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Method of Sign Attachment & Materials: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** *(person responsible for signs and compliance with City regulations).*

**City Approval:**

Building Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Planning Dept \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Rio Dell Municipal Code

## Political Signage Ordinance

City of Rio Dell

Specific Use Regulation 17.30.270 –Signs

(3) Election Campaign Signs. Temporary campaign signs relating to Federal, State, County, City, school district, special district, or other governmental agency elections are permitted in all zones subject to the following regulations:

- (a) Signs may be displayed up to 60 days before a scheduled election and must be removed within 10 days after the election;
- (b) Signs shall be limited to four square feet and 48 inches in height. No more than four signs shall be allowed on any one parcel;
- (c) No sign may be placed on private property without the consent of the property owner;
- (d) Signs may be freestanding or attached to existing buildings or fences. However, they are not permitted on street signs, trees, shrubs, bus stops, power poles, utility cabinets or other public appurtenances;
- (e) Signs may not be placed within 15 feet of any fire hydrant, street sign or traffic signal, or interfere with, confuse, obstruct or mislead traffic;
- (f) Signs may not be placed within a public right-of-way, nor within 30 feet of an intersection and no closer than three feet from the curb. Where no curb exists, signs shall be at least five feet from the edge of the pavement;
- (g) Homeowners are allowed to place political signs in the windows of their property;
- (h) Signs may not be illuminated, including motion and/or flashing lights, but may be placed where existing lighting may permit them to be seen at night.

[Ord.289 code 1, 2012; Ord. 279 code 4, 2011.]

For more information contact the City of Rio Dell (707) 764-3532

January 21, 2014

# **TRINIDAD MUNICIPAL CODE**

## **A Codification of the General Ordinances of the City of Trinidad, California**

City of Trinidad

Specific Use Regulation 17.56.160 - Signs

Political campaign signs and posters, not exceeding two square feet, shall be permitted in all zones provided such signs and posters are removed not more than 30 days after the date of the election.

For more information contact the City of Trinidad (707) 677-0223.

January 21, 2014