

# Political Signs

Following are excerpts from the Mission Viejo Municipal Code relating to political signs. Please consult the complete code for additional detail. Questions should be directed to the **Code Enforcement Department (949) 470-3055**.

Note: If you intend to post signs in neighboring cities or along Mission Viejo/neighbor boundaries, please contact the adjacent city for a copy of their sign regulations.

## **Sec. 9.29.315 Temporary signs.**

Temporary noncommercial signs shall be permitted subject to the following:

- (a) Temporary signs shall be permitted only to advertise an upcoming civic, patriotic, nonprofit, charitable, or special event of general public interest taking place within the boundaries of the City, when it is determined that the same will not be detrimental to the public welfare, interest or safety, or injurious to adjacent property or improvements. The text, design, and location shall be approved by the Director.
- (b) Temporary signs shall not be posted more than thirty days before the event to which they relate, except for political signs expressing a message relating to an election, and shall be removed within three days after said event or election.
- (c) Temporary signs shall not exceed a total area of 15 square feet unless otherwise approved for the event by the Director.
- (d) Temporary signs shall be unlighted and nonilluminated.
- (e) No temporary signs shall be placed upon the property of another without the express written approval of the owner or occupant of said property and the Director. A copy of said written consent shall be filed with the Director within seven days of the placement of the sign. All such signs shall be removed promptly upon the request of the property owner or occupant.
- (f) All temporary signs shall display the name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization responsible for the sign on the rear lower right-hand corner of the sign. Said individual or organization shall remove all signs posted within the time limits prescribed by this section.
- (g) Should any person or organization fail to remove any sign for which said person or organization is responsible, the City may remove and dispose of such sign and assess the entire cost of said removal and disposal against the responsible person or organization.
- (h) No temporary sign shall be placed so as to obstruct any fire hydrant, traffic sign or traffic signal, or interfere with any motorists' line of sight, or otherwise impede or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (i) No temporary sign shall be posted or otherwise affixed in any public right-of-way, or upon any public property, including, but not limited to any building, wall, bridge, railroad trestle, hydrant, tree, shrub, tree stake or guard, street sign, or traffic sign, or upon any utility pole, wire, box, or appurtenance thereof.

**Sec. 9.29.320 Exempt signs.**

The following signs are exempt from the sign permit requirements set forth in this division:

- (a) Directional safety sign.
- (b) Trespassing sign less than 2 square feet in area.
- (c) Neighborhood watch signs placed at the entrance to a residential neighborhood with the approval of the Public Works Director and the Orange County Sheriff's Department.
- (d) The owner or occupant of any site dedicated to residential purposes may erect noncommercial signage on property under his or her ownership or control provided that no sign shall exceed a maximum width of four feet, a maximum height of 4 feet, or a total of 4 square feet, including the post or other stand, if any.



# Prohibited Areas for Election Signs

