



## **CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **LEGAL DISCLOSURE**

*Please note that the reference to “campaign signs” is made for simplicity and convenience purposes only, and should not be interpreted to mean or indicate that the City’s sign regulations are “content based.” Consistent with prevailing U.S. Supreme Court opinions, which prohibit cities and other regulatory jurisdictions from regulating signs based on their content, the City regulates campaign signs in the same manner as other “temporary signs.”*

#### **1. Do I need a permit to place my campaign signs?**

*A permit is not required to place your campaign signs within the parameters of the City’s Temporary Signs regulations.*

#### **2. When may I place my campaign signs?**

*Campaign signs may be placed in appropriate locations throughout the City commencing on August 5, 2026, through November 13, 2026.*

#### **3. Are there any universal rules or standards that apply to my campaign signs?**

*All campaign signs are subject to the following universal rules and standards:*

- *Shall not exceed 32 square feet;*
- *Shall not exceed 6 feet in height;*
- *Shall not be artificially lighted; and*
- *Shall not be placed in a manner that mars, defaces, disfigures, or damages any public building, structure, or other property.*

#### **4. May I place my campaign signs on private property?**

*Campaign signs may be placed on private property with the consent of the owner, lessee/tenant, or other person with lawful possession of the private property, such as a property manager.*

*In addition, no single lot shall contain campaign signs with an aggregate surface area exceeding 80 square feet.*

**5. May I place my campaign signs on a public street or public parking lot?**

*Campaign signs may NOT be placed on any public street or parking lot used to accommodate vehicular traffic or parking.*

**6. May I place my campaign signs on a public building or structures such as walls, fences, etc.?**

*Campaign signs may NOT be placed on any public building or structure such as walls, fences, etc.*

**7. May I place my campaign signs on any public trees, shrubs, or other types of landscaping or vegetation?**

*Campaign signs may NOT be placed on any public trees, shrubs, or other types of landscaping or vegetation.*

**8. May I place my campaign signs on the center medians along City streets?**

*Campaign signs may NOT be placed on the center medians along City streets IF the center median separates opposite lanes of traffic.*

**9. May I place my campaign signs along the parkways or other public strips of land running adjacent to City streets or City sidewalks?**

*Campaign signs may be placed along parkways or other public strips of land that run adjacent to City streets and City sidewalks OUTSIDE OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC PARKS ONLY IF they do not:*

- *Endanger the safety of persons or property;*
- *Obscure the view of any fire hydrant, traffic sign, traffic signal, street sign or public informational sign; or*
- *Block lines of sight to areas of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.*

**10. What are the consequences if I violate the City's regulations applicable to my campaign signs?**

*Generally, the City may remove any non-compliant campaign sign five days after a Notice of the Violation is issued to the person in lawful possession of the subject property, or to the contact person listed on the sign itself,*

*However, any non-compliant campaign sign may be removed immediately without prior notice under the following circumstances:*

- *Campaign sign placed on private property without consent of the property owner.*
- *Campaign sign placed on a public building, structure, tree or shrub.*
- *Campaign sign placed on a public street or parking lot used to accommodate vehicular traffic or parking.*
- *Campaign sign mars, defaces, disfigures, or damages any public building, structure, or other property.*
- *Campaign sign endangers the safety of persons or property.*
- *Campaign sign obscures the view of any fire hydrant, traffic sign, traffic signal, street sign or public informational sign.*
- *Campaign sign blocks lines of sight to areas of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.*
- *Campaign sign is placed in a manner that poses an immediate danger to the safety of persons or property.*

**11. May I retrieve my non-compliant campaign signs that were removed by the City?**

*The City will retain any non-compliant campaign signs it removes for a period of 30 days.*

*PLEASE NOTE that the City may bill for and/or bring an action to recover the reasonable cost of sign removal from any party or parties found to be responsible for violating the City's sign regulations.*

**MORENO VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE**  
**CHAPTER 9.12**  
**SIGN REGULATIONS**

H. Temporary Signs During an Election Period.

1. "Election period" means the period of time ninety (90) days prior and ten (10) days after any official (1) local, (2) state, (3) regional or (4) national election.
2. Temporary signs are permitted in all zoning districts during an election period subject to the following limitations:
  - a. No temporary sign shall exceed 32 square feet;
  - b. No freestanding temporary sign shall exceed six feet in height;
  - c. No lot shall contain temporary signs having an aggregate surface area in excess of 80 square feet;
  - d. No temporary sign shall be artificially lighted;
  - e. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed or maintained upon any private property without the consent of the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession of such property;
  - f. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed or maintained on any publicly owned building, structure, tree or shrub; or upon any portion of a public street or highway right-of-way which is used for traffic or parking; and
  - g. No temporary sign shall be erected, placed or maintained so that it does any of the following:
    - i. Mars, defaces, disfigures or damages any public building, structure or other property,
    - ii. Endangers the safety of persons or property,
    - iii. Obscures the view of any fire hydrant, traffic sign, traffic signal, street sign or public informational sign,
    - iv. Blocks lines of sight to areas of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
3. No temporary sign shall be permitted on any median separating opposite vehicular traffic on any public streets or other public rights-of-way.
4. Any temporary sign erected, placed or maintained in violation of any provisions of this section will be removed by the city five days after notice of the violation is given to the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession of the property, or to a contact person listed on the sign itself; provided however, that any temporary sign erected, placed or maintained on any public property or right-of-way in violation of subsections (H)(1)(e), (H)(1)(f) or (H)(1)(g) of this section, or which constitutes an immediate danger to the safety of person or property may be removed by the city summarily and without notice. The city may bill for and/or bring an action to recover the reasonable cost of sign removal from any party or parties found to be

responsible for the violation under this section. Any removed signs will be held for no longer than 30 days for retrieval by the owner.