

CITY OF ALBANY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE
SECTION 20-32

M. Political Signs.

1. Definition. A political sign shall mean any sign which is designed to influence the action of the voters either for the passage or defeat of a measure appearing on the ballot or any National, State or local election, or which is designed to influence the action of the voters either for the election or defeat of a candidate for nomination or election to any office, whether public or private, partisan or non-partisan, at any National, State or local election.

2. Location Permitted.

a. Political signs shall be located on private property only and with permission of the owner or occupant and shall not be attached to any utility pole, tree or other vegetation.

b. Political signs shall not be erected in such a manner or at such a location that they will or may reasonably be expected to interfere with, obstruct, confuse or mislead traffic.

3. Placement and Removal and Rules on Size and Number.

a. No political sign shall be posted sooner than the first filing of the Campaign Disclosure Statement or forty (40) days prior to the election, the lesser of the two (2) time periods.

b. Political signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) working days after the election to which they relate. Signs placed on behalf of a political candidate successful in primary elections may be permitted to remain for general election purposes.

c. No political sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. The aggregate area of all political signs placed or maintained on any parcel or real property in one ownership shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet. Both faces of a double-faced sign shall be calculated in figuring the total signage.

d. The number of political signs posted is not limited except by total maximum area.

e. No City approval need be obtained for posting of any political signs four (4) square feet or less in area. Any person intending to post single political signs over four (4) square feet in area (or any person on whose behalf such signs are to be installed) shall, prior to the installation, file a declaration of such intent with the enforcing officer of the City. Such declaration shall contain an

agreement to remove such signs within the applicable time period described above.

f. Any political sign not posted in conformance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a public nuisance and shall be subject to removal by the candidate, the property owner or, when a proposition is involved, the person advocating the vote described on the sign, and upon their failure to do so, by the enforcing officer. Any costs incurred by the City in the enforcement shall be assessed to the person who signed the declaration of intent.

Questions regarding this Ordinance may be referred to Jeff Bond, Community Development Director at (510)528-5760.