



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) – Election Signs*

*Election signs are temporary noncommercial signs and are regulated in the same manner as all other temporary noncommercial signs.

Q: May I install signs in the public right-of-way?

A: Yes. However, the signs may not be placed in road medians, nor in such a manner that obstructs pedestrian, bicyclist, or driver views. If in doubt, please contact Code Enforcement at (619) 258-4100 ext. 206 for additional information.

Q: When may I install signs in the public right-of-way?

A: A temporary noncommercial sign may only remain in the public right-of-way for up to 45 days in any calendar year and must be removed no later than 10 days following the date of any event relating to the sign (such as an election). In order for a temporary noncommercial sign to remain posted on November 5, 2024, (election day) and for 10 days thereafter, it must be posted no earlier than October 1, 2024.

Q: Is a permit needed for a sign to be located within the public right-of-way?

A: No, temporary noncommercial signs are allowed without a permit as long as they meet the timing, size, and non-illumination requirements discussed in this handout.

Q: How large and how high can a sign be when placed in the right-of-way?

A: Up to 32 square feet and no higher than 6 feet.

Q: Can my sign be illuminated?

A: No, temporary noncommercial signs must not be illuminated unless the sign is posted on an authorized structure already providing illumination.

Q: May I install signs in the City Park and other City-owned properties?

A: No, temporary noncommercial signs are not allowed within public parks and other City-owned properties.

Q: May I put signs on my property now?

A: Yes, one temporary noncommercial sign is allowed per parcel, as long as it does not obstruct traffic, restrict visibility around corners or intersections, and is not illuminated. Signs up to 4 square feet may remain in place indefinitely, signs larger than 4 square feet and up to 32 square feet may remain in place no more than 45 days per calendar year. In order for a temporary noncommercial sign to remain posted on November 5, 2024, (election day) and for 10 days thereafter, it must be posted no earlier than October 1, 2024.

Q: How big can a sign be on my private property?

A: No more than 32 square feet and no more than 6 feet high.

Q: May I have more than one sign on my property?

A: No. Each parcel is limited to one temporary noncommercial sign.

For more information contact the City of Santee at 619-258-4100 ext. 114 or ext. 167 or see Santee Municipal Code - §13.32.060(B).