



Campaign Signs on Public and Private Property

The following information is intended to provide a brief summary of the City's regulations regarding campaign signs and serve as a convenient reference in advance of the November 8, 2022, election. The full text of the City's sign regulations can be found in Sections 7-9.01 – 7.9.10 and 9-3.543 of the City's Municipal Code, available online at: <http://www.qcode.us/codes/sanjuancapistrano/>.

Signs within Public Right-of-Way (streets, parkways, bicycle and equestrian trails):

- If within 100 ft. of intersection, maximum of 6 sq. ft. and 3 ft. in height
- If outside of 100 ft. of intersection, maximum of 9 sq. ft. and 6 ft. in height
- Must be freestanding
- Not allowed in center median of any public road or street
- No closer than 5 ft. from edge of roadway
- Flags, valances, pennants, lights, etc. are prohibited
- Signs cannot be illuminated, revolve, or otherwise function with mechanical parts or devices
- Signs must be kept in a state of good repair at all times
- Signs must be a minimum of 100 ft. from polling place

Signs on Private Property (residential and commercial):

- Must have private property owner authorization
- Each individual sign can be a maximum of 9 sq. ft. and 6 ft. in height, or, if building mounted must be located below roof eaves
- A property owner may place a maximum aggregate of nine 9 sq. ft. of area of temporary noncommercial signage on a property for one period of forty-five (45) days per year
 - During ninety (90) days prior to and seven days (7) after an election, a property owner may place temporary signage on the property as follows:
 - For residential property, sixty-three (63) additional square feet of area; and
 - For nonresidential property eighty-one (81) additional square feet of area

Signs may not obstruct the flow or visibility of vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic, or any emergency equipment. The Municipal Code authorizes removal of signs that are in violation of any City codes. In the event that a sign is removed, it is the policy of the City to make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner. All signs must be removed from public or private property within seven days following the election date. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Matisse Reischl at (949) 443-6315 or mreischl@sanjuancapistrano.org.