



# Political Sign Registration

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency • Planning Division

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CANDIDATE/MEASURE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

The intent of this registration process is to promote the responsible placement of temporary political signs and to assure their removal after an election in order to prevent damage to public property, protect the integrity of the electoral process, and prevent the erosion of aesthetic quality and historic values within the County.

The Planning Division does not collect a fee to register political signs. To complete the registration process, please review the adopted standards below, sign, and deliver this form to the Planning Division counter located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009-1740. You may mail the form, drop it off in person (the Planning Division counter is located on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hall of Administration), or send a .pdf of the signed form by e-mail to [plan.counter@ventura.org](mailto:plan.counter@ventura.org). If you have any questions you can call the Planning Division at 805-654-2488 or e-mail your inquiry to [plan.counter@ventura.org](mailto:plan.counter@ventura.org).

1. The candidate or issue proponent has obtained the consent of all property owners to place political signs on their property.
2. All signs will be removed within ten calendar days after the election.
3. All signs will comply with Sec. 8110-4 (Prohibited Signs), Sec. 8110.6.8.2 and Sec. 8110-6.8 (Political Signs) of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance<sup>1</sup> and Sec. 8175-5.13.3 (Prohibited Signs) and Sec. 8175-5.13.10.17 (Political Signs) of the Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance<sup>2</sup>.
4. No temporary political sign shall exceed 32 square feet in area. The aggregate area of all temporary signs placed or maintained on any lot in one ownership shall not exceed 96 square feet.

## 5. Prohibited Signs

The following signs and sign types are prohibited in all unincorporated areas:

- a. Sandwich-board, A-frame and portable freestanding signs;
- b. Bench signs, except at bus stops designated on a valid bus schedule;
- c. Signs which flash, scintillate, move or rotate, except for clocks and time and temperature signs;
- d. Banners, pennants, flags (except as permitted by Sec. 8110-3e; no other flags are permitted);
- e. Captive balloons or signs which change color or appear to change color or where the intensity of light changes or appears to change, except on a temporary basis in accordance with Sec. 8110-6.11;
- f. Portable or trailer-mounted off-site advertising or tract signs;
- g. Any sign which emits sound;

<sup>1</sup> For inland areas in Ventura County, the adopted regulations regarding the placement of temporary political signs can be found in the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance Section 8110-6.8 (Political Signs) and Section 8110-4 (Prohibited Signs) at the following link: [https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/ordinances/VCNCZO\\_Current.pdf](https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/ordinances/VCNCZO_Current.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> For coastal areas in Ventura County, the adopted regulations regarding the placement of temporary political signs can be found in the Coastal Zoning Ordinance Section 8175-5.13.10.17 (Political Signs) and Section 8175-5.13.3 (Prohibited Signs) at the following link: [https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/ordinances/coastal\\_zone\\_ord.pdf](https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/ordinances/coastal_zone_ord.pdf)

- h. Any sign erected in such a manner that any portion of the sign or its support is attached to or will interfere with the free use of any fire escape, exit or standpipe, or will obstruct any stairway, door, ventilator or window;
- i. Projecting signs, unless suspended from a canopy in accordance with Sec. 8110-6.2 or attached to a service station canopy roof in accordance with Sec. 8110-6.9.1;
- j. Roof signs;
- k. Any sign or sign structure which is structurally unsafe or constitutes a hazard to health or safety by reason of design, inadequate maintenance or dilapidation;
- l. Any sign erected or attached to any tree or utility pole within any public right-of-way, or any sign erected within the boundaries of the required right-of-way for any mapped road as shown on the Circulation Element of the Ventura County General Plan;
- m. Any sign erected in such a manner that it will or may reasonably be expected to interfere with, obstruct, confuse or mislead traffic;
- n. The use of any item of merchandise or other commodity related to the business as a sign, except as such commodity may be permanently incorporated into a sign structure as permitted by this Article; and
- o. Signs attached to the exterior surfaces of windows.

In addition to the above, the following signs and sign types are prohibited in the Coastal zone:

- a. Any sign located within and environmentally sensitive habitat area;
- b. Any sign that obstructs or degrades public views to scenic resources; and
- c. Any sign that is intended to deter public access to or along tidelands, shorelines, beaches and public waterways, public trails, public parks, public open space, or public easements to any of the foregoing locations.

6. Location

Political signs may not be affixed, installed, or erected within 100 feet of a polling place or historic site, nor within the right of way of any highway, nor within 660 feet of the edge of a "Scenic Highway" or landscaped freeway, nor in any location where the sign will impair sight distance or create a hazard to traffic or pedestrians, nor on any telephone pole, lamppost, tree, wall, fence, bridge, bench, hydrant, curbstone, sidewalk or other structure in or upon any public right-of-way, nor upon any other public property.

7. Time Frames

Temporary political signs shall not be posted sooner than 90 days prior to a scheduled election administered by the County Elections Department. Said signs shall be removed within 10 days after the election.

8. Enforcement

Except for signs remaining posted after the post-election deadline, any political sign not posted in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to removal by the candidate, property owner, or, when a ballot proposition is involved, the authorized agent of the group or organization sponsoring the sign or, upon their failure to do so after reasonable attempt at notice by the County, by County officers or zoning inspectors. Any political sign which is not removed within the specified period following an election shall be subject to summary removal and confiscation by the County.

I am a candidate running for political office, or I am an authorized agent for a group or organization sponsoring temporary political signs for a candidate or a measure on the ballot, this election cycle and I agree to the standards related to the placement of temporary political signs detailed above.

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 APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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 DATE

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 APPROVAL SIGNATURE

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