

Rules for Temporary Noncommercial Signs During Campaign Periods



The table below summarizes Carlsbad Municipal Code Chapter 11.44 (Private Party Signs on City Property) and Carlsbad Municipal Code 21.41 (Sign Ordinance). Please refer to the code for exact language and requirements.

	Residential Property	Nonresidential Property	City Street Right-of-Way (10 feet beyond curb)
Permit Required	No Need permission of owner	No Need permission of owner	Yes \$67
When	30 days prior to election 5 days after the election	30 days prior to election 5 days after the election	30 days prior to election 5 days after the election
Where	10 ft. from curb*	10 ft. from curb*	City right-of-way in “commercial/industrial” zones and “major” roads (see map)
Size	10 sq. ft. total signage per dwelling unit (increases from 8 sq. ft.)**	10 sq. ft. total signage per property (increases from 8 sq. ft.)**	6 sq. ft. per sign
Height	Not more than 3.5 ft. above average grade in front yard Not more than 6 ft. above average grade elsewhere	Not more than 3.5 ft. above average grade in front of property Not more than 6 ft. above average grade elsewhere	Not less than 1 ft. above grade and not more than 6 ft. above grade

General Rules

- *Most right-of-way is 10 ft. back from the face of the curb, subject to verification by the city
- **Year-round, 8 sq. ft. of total noncommercial signage is allowed per residential and nonresidential property. Thirty (30) days prior to election and 5 days after the election an additional 2 sq. ft. is allowed per residential and nonresidential property, bringing the total allowable signage to 10 sq. ft. during the campaign period
- May not attach to utility poles or boxes, traffic control signs or device supports, trees, other signs or bus benches
- May not place in the road, on a sidewalk or in a median strip
- May not block any other permitted sign or obstruct public access, such as sidewalks, or vehicle visibility
- A noncommercial message of any type may be substituted on an existing permitted sign without getting a new permit

For More Information

For clarification of campaign sign rules or to report a violation, please call Code Compliance, **760-602-2703**.