



**CITY OF WALNUT CREEK
SUMMARY OF SIGN REGULATIONS
AS THEY RELATE TO POLITICAL SIGNS
Municipal Code Title 10, Chapter 8**

DEFINITION:

The sign ordinance considers a political sign as a temporary non-commercial sign and as such, is regulated by Section 10-8.108 of the Walnut Creek Municipal Code. A summary of the regulations is stated below.

In general, the City does not require design approval or a building permit for political signs. The size, shape, color, and design are not regulated. The location and length of time of display are regulated.

PLACEMENT:

1. Political signs may be displayed on any **privately** owned or maintained lot or parcel of land.
2. Permission of the property owner is required.
3. Signs shall not be placed in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with traffic or endanger the health or safety of people or endanger property.
4. Signs shall not be attached to any utility pole, fence, building, structure, object, tree or other vegetation located upon or within any **public** right-of-way or **publicly** owned or maintained land.

LENGTH OF DISPLAY:

1. Signs shall not be erected earlier than 90 days before the election to which they relate.
2. Signs shall be removed within 7 days after the election to which they relate.

REMOVAL BY THE CITY:

1. Code Enforcement will remove political signs from public property.
2. Signs removed by City employees shall be taken to the City's Corporation Yard. The City shall immediately attempt to notify the owner of the sign, if such information can be ascertained, to inform the owner of the procedures for retrieving the sign.

SIGN RETRIEVAL:

1. Any person desiring to retrieve a sign removed by the City may do so upon the payment of an administrative fine of \$50.00 for each sign.
2. If a person wishes to contest the fact that a sign was placed in violation of this Section prior to paying the fine, that person shall have the right to an administrative hearing before the Zoning Administrator. If the Zoning Administrator finds that the sign was lawfully posted, he or she shall return the sign without an administrative penalty or the issuance of a citation.

DESTRUCTION OF SIGNS:

1. Any temporary sign removed by the City may be considered abandoned if it is not retrieved within 15 days after the date of such removal, and may be disposed of by the City without liability.