

# MONTEREY COUNTY

PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

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## POLITICAL SIGN INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES (COUNTY FORM)

Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

In as much as you are a candidate for elective office or a proponent or opponent of a ballot measure, this reminder about local ordinances governing the placement of signs, including temporary political signs, in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County should be helpful to you.

There is a blanket prohibition against all inanimate modes of expression, including political signs, when erected or affixed to public property or utility poles.

However, the County of Monterey's regulatory codes do permit placement of temporary political signs on private property, excluding commercial billboards, under conditions summarized as follows:

1. The property owner has given permission for the sign placement.
2. The sign is placed no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within ten (10) days after.
3. A "Statement of Responsibility" has been filed with the Director of the Planning and Building Inspection Department certifying a person who will be responsible for the placement and removal of the sign.
4. The sign must comply with all building and zoning ordinances.

You may obtain copies of the ordinances related to the placement of political signs at the Planning and Building Inspection Department, 2620 First Avenue @2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Marina.

Please pass this information along to those assisting in your campaign. "Statement of Responsibility" forms are enclosed for your use. Completed forms should be mailed or delivered to: Permit Center, Planning and Building Inspection Department, 2620 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Marina, CA 93933. Completed forms may also be Faxed to (831) 384-3261.

**NO SIGNS MAY BE POSTED UNTIL A "STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY" HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING INSPECTION.**

County ordinances direct the removal of signs not in compliance and that any costs incurred by the County will be passed on to the responsible party.

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS  
(County of Monterey)**

UPON COMPLETION, PLEASE RETURN TO:  
Permit Center, Planning and Building Inspection Department  
2620 First Avenue, Marina, CA 93933  
Or Fax To: (831) 384-3261

Candidate or Ballot Measure Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought or  
Proposition No: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction: [County, City  
State, or Federal]

Number of Signs: \_\_\_\_\_ Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Responsible Party:**

The undersigned accepts responsibility for the placement and removal of signs for the above named candidate or proposition in accordance with Monterey County Code Titles 14 and 16, Chapters 14.30 and 16.24 respectively and Titles 20 and 21, Chapters/Sections 20.60.080 (CZ), and 21.60.080 respectively.

It is understood and agreed that any sign placed in violation of these ordinances or not removed with in ten (10) days after the election is subject to removal by the County of Monterey and the undersigned hereby also agrees to pay the costs of removal upon submission of an invoice by the County.

**Name of Person Signing Form (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Day Time Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evening Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_