

POLITICAL SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Campaign Signs on Public Property (LBMC [21.44.600](#) and [21.44.900](#))

Long Beach Municipal Code, California Statutes and a rule of the CA Public Utilities Commission prohibits the placement or fastening of any sign on public property (including streetlight and utility poles), except as may be required by ordinance or law. This prohibition refers to cards, banners, flags, pennants, handbills, notices, posters and advertisements, as well as to signs.

City employees operating in the field are hereby instructed to remove all signs encountered on public property, utility rights-of-way, and utility poles and their appurtenances. Field supervisors are directed to notify the Code Enforcement Office when illegal sign posting is occurring.

The Code Enforcement Office shall contact the licensee notifying that violators of the Municipal Code will be prosecuted. Criminal complaints will be filed where legally possible against those persons who do not voluntarily comply with the regulations.

General rules for political signs:

- Campaign signs cannot be placed:
 - on telephone poles
 - on streets signs or trees
 - on sidewalks or median islands
 - in parks or other public areas
- No person, except a public officer or employee performing a public duty, shall place any sign on, above, along or within any public property
- Person or entity responsible that fails to adhere to the law shall be liable for the City's costs incurred in the removal of such sign, and the City Manager or his/her designee is authorized to collect said costs
- Candidates/committees must sign Removal Affidavit (See Document 7 - 4)

For all infractions or removals

Please direct phone calls regarding signs to

(562) 570-CODE (2633)