CAMPAIGN LAWN SIGNS

The City of Beverly Hills is strongly encouraging candidates to post election signs **NO EARLIER THAN JANUARY 12, 2015** for the March 3, 2015 General Municipal Election. It is also recommended that candidates post no more than two election signs per residence.

In addition, candidates should be aware that a "**Printer's Sample" of the Candidate's campaign lawn sign must be delivered to the Building & Safety Division of the Community Development Department prior to the issuance of a sign permit.**

Please refer to Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10-4-806 for regulations regarding allowable size and placement of political signs.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office should you have any questions.

Political / Election Sign Information

The following is intended to provide basic information concerning the placement and maintenance of political/election signs in the City of Beverly Hills in accordance with Chapter 4, Title 10, of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (BHMC). No application fee required for a political election sign permit.

The following restrictions apply to political/election signs:

1. No person shall maintain more than five (5) signs, measuring a maximum of one hundred fifty (150) square inches in area, on any one lot or site area, whichever is larger, in any single-family or multi-family residential zone. Two (2) signs placed back to back shall count as one sign.
2. No person shall maintain more than three (3) signs, each measuring a maximum of five (5) square feet in area, on any one lot or site area, whichever is larger, in any non-residential zone. Two (2) signs placed back to back shall count as one sign.
3. Freestanding signs shall not exceed four (4) feet in height as measured from the ground.

Voluntary Sign Approval

- Any person who would like to post political/election signs in the city may, at his or her option, bring the sign to the building official for review to ensure conformance with the Code.

Distribution Permit

- Any person who would like to distribute more than ten (10) signs to property owners in the city must first apply for and receive a permit from the building official. The permit application packet requires the following: a to-scale prototype of the sign, the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant to ensure they can be reached by the building official or police chief or their deputies responsible for the enforcement of these provisions. The application will be approved unless the sign does not meet the size requirements of the Code. The decision to grant or deny a permit will be made within four (4) hours after submission of the application. One permit governs all signs of each type distributed to property owners in the city.

Maintenance and Removal of Signs

- Political/election signs must be maintained in good repair on a continuing basis and must be securely attached or grounded so that they do not become dislodged by the elements; they do not have to comply with the structural elements of more permanent signs.
- Political/election signs must be removed within ten (10) days following the election.

Violations

Violation of the display regulations may result in the conditions described in Section 3479 or 3480 of the California Civil Code. If a violation occurs it may be abated by the city in the manner prescribed by law. If the building official, police chief, or their lawful representatives find that a sign has been posted at a location in violation of Code or that a sign has become unsafe, detached, or is a menace to the public safety, the official may take the following action:

1. If the sign has been posted on private property or on property owned by another public agency, the city official will give forty eight (48) hours written or verbal notice to the property owner or tenant on whose property the sign has been posted to remove, relocate, repair, or alter the sign.
2. If the sign has not been removed, relocated, repaired, or altered within the proscribed time, or by the time agreed to by the city official, the official may remove the sign and the property owner or tenant responsible for the sign will be liable to the city for removal costs. Such removal costs shall be deemed a civil debt due and owing to the city and may be collected by appropriate legal means.
3. A city official may, without notice, remove any sign posted on property owned or controlled by the city. In addition, a city official may remove any sign which poses an immediate danger to persons or property. Any sign that remains posted after the tenth day following the election to which such sign specifically refers shall be deemed abandoned by its owner and may be removed without notice.

Any questions not addressed in the above may be directed to the **Community Preservation Division: 310-285-1119**.