

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Planning Division (415) 435-7390

POLITICAL AND ELECTION SIGN RULES

This handout summarizes the Town of Tiburon's rules and regulations regarding political and election campaign signs and is intended to assist users in understanding and complying with the Town's regulations. Complete sign regulations are available on the Town's website at www.townoftiburon.org. The Town of Tiburon has a long tradition of small, low-key election campaign signs that are few in number and placed such that they do not detract from the attractiveness of the community. Please display election campaign signs in the spirit of this tradition.

General Rule: For the period forty-five (45) days before and five (5) days after a general, special, or primary election, the total amount of non-commercial-message signage (including political and/or election campaign signs) allowed per parcel is increased to a total of sixteen (16) square feet. This means that each property may have up to sixteen (16) square feet of such signage during this period. The following rules are established by land use type of the property on which the signs are placed.

For *single family and two-family dwellings (duplexes)*, political and election campaign signs are allowed without a permit subject to the following rules:

- (1) No illumination is permitted (except for ambient light)
- (2) Maximum area of any one sign is eight (8) square feet
- (3) Total sign area for all signs on a parcel may not exceed sixteen (16) square feet
- (4) Number of sign faces per parcel: no specific limit
- (5) Signs may be located on private property with permission of the owner or legal occupant
- (6) Signs are not allowed on Town property or public street right-of-ways, including public sidewalks
- (7) Signs may be freestanding if located on temporary structures (stakes, posts, etc.)
- (8) No freestanding sign may exceed eleven (11) feet in height, and no sign may project above the roofline of any building on the site
- (9) Signs may be posted on walls, windows, doors or fences, but may not be posted on trees, shrubs or other plants

For *multi-family units (apartments*), the sign rules are the same as for single family residences, except that no freestanding signs are permitted.

For **non-residential uses**, political and election campaign signs are allowed without a permit subject to the following rules:

- (1) No illumination is permitted (except for ambient light)
- (2) Maximum area of any one sign is eight (8) square feet
- (3) Total sign area for all signs on a parcel may not exceed sixteen (16) square feet
- (4) Number of sign faces per parcel: no specific limit
- (5) Signs may be located on private property with permission of the owner or legal occupant
- (6) Signs are not allowed on Town property or public street right-of-ways, including public sidewalks
- (7) Signs may be freestanding if located on temporary structures (stakes, posts, etc.)
- (8) No sign may project above the roofline of any building on the site
- (9) Signs may be posted on walls, windows, doors or fences, but may not be posted on trees, shrubs or other plants