

CITY OF FULLERTON OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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TEMPORARY NONCOMMERCIAL SIGNS & LITERATURE REGULATIONS

This handout provides the basic information regarding posting of temporary noncommercial signs and distribution of handbills. You can review the text of the Municipal Codes referenced in this document at www.cityoffullerton.com.

TEMPORARY NONCOMMERCIAL SIGNS

Fullerton Municipal Code Chapter 15.49 regulates the placement of temporary noncommercial signs within the City of Fullerton.

What is a Temporary Noncommercial Sign?	A Temporary Noncommercial Sign is any temporary sign (for example – political, candidate or charitable purpose) visible to the public, including but not limited to, signs supporting a particular vote in a scheduled public election that do not involve a commercial message or encourage a commercial transaction.
Where can I place Temporary Noncommercial Signs?	You may post Temporary Noncommercial Signs on private property with the property owner's approval as long as the signs do not constitute a public safety hazard.
Where can Temporary Noncommercial Signs not be placed?	Per Fullerton Municipal Code 15.49.040(A), you may not place signs in the following locations: In city street medians On public property On or over public streets, sidewalks, crosswalks or curbs, including parkways In any public park, including but not limited to trees, parkway, walkways, benches or fences Upon any tree, power pole, street light or other above ground fixture within the public right of way In addition, state regulations prohibit signs: Within 100 feet of a polling place on Election Day whether private or public property (Election Code Section 18370(b), (d)) Within the right of way of a state highway (Imperial Highway or Beach Boulevard) (Business & Prof. Code) Within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right of way of a landscaped freeway (SR 91 or SR 57) (Business & Prof. Code)

Do I need a permit to post a political sign?	No
How many Temporary Noncommercial Signs does the City allow at any time?	The City does not limit the number of Temporary Noncommercial Signs erected at any time.
What are the size limits for Temporary Noncommercial Signs?	32 square feet (total area).
Sign Removal	The City's Public Works Department may remove signs which do not meet City and/or State criteria or which pose a safety hazard.
	The Public Works Department will remove signs placed in the public right-of-way.
	The City will keep removed signs at the Maintenance Yard for pickup by the sign's owner. The City shall destroy signs not picked up by the owner within 30 days after Election Day.
	Other agencies such as SoCal Edison, Flood Control District and school districts may remove signs posted on their property.
Signs in Medians Removed Immediately	The City Council finds that signs placed in the medians present a particular danger for traffic safety as signs can be blown into traffic or obstruct visibility. The City shall immediately remove such signs.
Maintenance Services Contact Information	City Yard, 1580 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton, CA 92833. 714.738.6897

LITERATURE / HANDBILL / FLYER REGULATIONS

Handbills are an effective way to express protected First Amendment activity but can also results in excessive littering and annoyance. The City of Fullerton places some restrictions on handbill distribution. Municipal Code Chapter 7.30 governs the distribution of handbills within the City.

Distribution to unwilling recipients	Handbills shall not be handed to persons who do not wish to receive them. FMC 7.30.030 (individuals), 7.30.032 (properties), 7.30.034 (multi-unit properties)
No Littering	It is unlawful to litter on any private or public property with handbills or any other kind of written or printed materials. FMC 7.30.040
	It is unlawful to litter park areas with handbills or printed materials. FMC 9.12.110
	Handbills must be placed directly in a person's hand or bound, folded or affixed to the premises such that the materials shall not blow away or be scattered by normal pedestrian and traffic flow. FMC 7.30.050