August 21, 2020

RE: Campaign Signs during the November 3, 2020 Election

Dear Candidates,

We would like to apprise you of the City’s ordinances governing election campaign signs.

Campaign signs are not allowed on City property, including City right-of-way. It is the City of Goleta’s practice to remove any and all signs that have been placed on public property, such as parks, trails, medians, parkways, open spaces, roadways, sidewalks, and intersections. City personnel will store all signs which they remove from public property at the City Corporation Yard. To retrieve campaign signs that have been removed by the City, you may contact Paul Medel, Public Works Manager at (805) 968-6769. Signs not reclaimed by November 13, 2020 may be destroyed by the City.

Campaign signs are considered Protected Non-Commercial Speech Signs in accordance with Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code (GMC) (subsection (S) of Section 17.40.030) as follows:

“Non-illuminated temporary signs displaying protected non-commercial messages that are no more than four feet in height and no more than six square feet in area may be displayed at any time. However, during the period of time beginning 60 days before a general, special, primary or runoff election, and ending 15 days after such election, the amount of display area may be doubled. All signage displayed under this Section must be removed 15 days after the corresponding election.”

Campaign signs should not be posted on private property without the property owner’s permission. Signs on private property may not be erected so as to create a safety hazard, including obstructing motorists’ line-of-sight. (See attached Vision Clearance Handout). Campaign signs relating to the November 2020 election posted on private property with the permission of the property owner must be removed by November 18, 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter. Please help us to minimize the need to remove campaign signs by informing those involved with your campaign of these policies. Should you have further questions about this issue, you may contact the City Clerk at (805) 961-7505.

Sincerely,

Michelle Greene
City Manager

Enclosures

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Deborah Lopez, City Clerk
Charlie Ebeling, Director of Public Works
Peter Imhof, Director of Planning and Environmental Services
G.M.C. Section 17.24.210 Vision Clearance

Clearance Triangle. No wall, fence, or other structure may be erected, and no hedge, shrub, tree or other growth shall be maintained that will materially impede vision clearance within the road right-of-way for vehicular traffic, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Corner Lots. A hazard exists when a structure or vegetation exceeds the height of three feet within a triangle formed by the intersecting property lines nearest the streets and a straight line joining such property lines at points which are 10 feet from the point of intersection, measured along such property lines.

Driveways. A hazard exists when a structure or vegetation exceeds the height of three feet within the triangle. The triangle is measured along the property line with roadway frontage from which access to the lot is taken and extends 10 feet parallel to the public right-of-way and 10 feet parallel to the driveway on both sides.

Note: The Review Authority may further limit the height of construction by the terms of any zoning entitlement in order to prevent impairment of vision clearance.