



CITY OF MARTINEZ

POLITICAL SIGNS

Rev 4.2024

SIGNAGE GUIDELINES

In accordance with the [Martinez Municipal Code Title 16](#), the City of Martinez observes the following signage guidelines:

1. Signs are not to be placed in such a manner that they may obstruct, confuse or interfere with traffic or conflict with any traffic sign, signal, or device; nor endanger the health, safety or welfare of people or endanger property;
2. Signs are not to be attached to a utility pole, fence abutting a public right-of-way, building (excluding the interior of windows), structure, tree or other vegetation, or located on or within any public right-of-way or other public property;
3. Signs are not to be placed on private property without the full knowledge and consent of the lawful occupant or, if there is no lawful occupant, without the full knowledge and consent of the property owner;
4. Signs are not to be placed near and or over waterways, this includes pathways in close proximity;
5. Freestanding signs are not to exceed four feet in height (to bottom of sign);
6. Signs may not be internally illuminated;
7. Signs are not to be erected earlier than 88 days prior to and removed not later than ten days after the election to which the sign relates.

TIMEFRAME

Signs can be posted no sooner than 88 days before Election Day. Signs must be removed no later than 10 days after Election Day. For the November 5, 2024 election, this timeframe starts August 9th and ends November 15th.

ENFORCEMENT & FINES

The City will strictly enforce this provision of the Martinez Municipal Code. City maintenance crews have been instructed to immediately dispose, without notice, political signs located on City property or those which have been deemed hazardous. Other sign violations will result in a code violation notice and will allow two weeks for corrective action. Sign(s) not removed will be deemed abandoned and removed by the City. The cost of removal (\$45/sign), damages, and all other expense shall be paid by the sign owner, property owner or any other person.

Questions and inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to the City Clerk:

City Clerk's Office

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