



# City of Livingston

1416 C Street  
Livingston, CA 95334

To: All Political Candidates

From: Martha Abeloe, Sr. Administrative Analyst – Community Development  
City of Livingston

Subject: Livingston Political Sign Regulations

Dear Candidate:

The attached packet was prepared by the City of Livingston Planning Department to provide you with information you will need regarding the existing Code regulations for installing political signs in the City of Livingston.

A political sign permit application is also attached for your convenience. Please complete the application and submit it to the City of Livingston Planning Department located at 1416 C Street, Livingston, CA 95334.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact the Planning Department at (209) 394-5540, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Please pass on this information to those assisting in your campaign.

Best of luck in the upcoming election!

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Attachments

**CITY OF LIVINGSTON**

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## **CITY OF LIVINGSTON POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS**

Political Signs are considered temporary and require approval by the Livingston Planning Department.

LMC 4-2-5 (A) Signs in Street Right-of-Way. No freestanding sign shall be located in or project into present or future right-of-way of any public street, including sidewalks, unless such location or projection is specifically authorized.

LMC 4-2-5 (B) Signs Interfering with Sight Distance. No sign shall be so designed or constructed as to interfere with the sight distance of motorists proceeding on or approaching adjacent streets, alleys, driveways, or parking areas, or of pedestrians proceeding on or approaching adjacent sidewalks or pedestrian ways.

LMC Section 4-2-7 (B) Political signs may be posted on private property, with property owner's permission, preceding an election. The maximum size of each sign shall not exceed thirty two (32) square feet. No deposit shall be required to ensure the proper removal of such signs.

1. No political sign shall be erected within or overhang into any public right of way or publicly owned property, nor constitute a traffic hazard by reason of obscuring motorist vision, or otherwise jeopardizing the normal flow of traffic.
2. All political signs shall be removed from view within seven (7) days after the election date, except for those candidates who were successful in a primary election or must compete in a runoff election, in which case, such signs shall be allowed to remain until seven (7) days after the final Election Day.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to remove all political signs within seven (7) days after the final Election Day. In the event that any political sign is not removed within the specified time, the property owner shall be notified of his responsibility to remove such signs and directed to remove the sign within seven (7) days or be cited. If the sign has not been removed within the additional seven (7) days, the property owner shall be issued a citation in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each successive day until such sign is removed.

LMC 4-2-19 (B) The City Planner may cause any sign or other advertising structure which is an immediate hazard to persons or property, or is located upon public property in violation of this chapter, to be removed summarily and without notice.

For additional information, please contact the Livingston Planning Department.



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## City of Livingston Temporary Political Sign Permit and Statement of Responsibility

Election Date:            March 20\_\_\_\_    November 20 \_\_\_\_    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Office sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballot Measure: \_\_\_\_\_

What will sign(s) say: \_\_\_\_\_

### **RESPONSIBLE PARTY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Include Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby accept responsibility for placement and removal of all Temporary Political Signs for the above mentioned candidate or ballot measure pursuant to Section 4-2-7 of the Livingston Municipal Code. I further pledge to abide by Section 4-2-7 of the Livingston Municipal Code and accept the responsibility to see that my supporters and campaign workers place signs in appropriate locations. **I will monitor the placement of my political signs and take immediate affirmative action to relocate any signs in the prohibited locations.**

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SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-62**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY OR PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO PROMOTE POLITICAL CANDIDATES OR BALLOT MEASURES AND CLARIFYING THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 4-2-7 OF THE LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-2-7 of the Livingston Municipal governs the placement of temporary political signs in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to enforce existing laws and ordinances relating to the placement of temporary political signs promoting candidates and ballot measures; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-2-7(B)(1) of the Livingston Municipal Code states that “no political sign shall be erected within or overhang into any public right-of-way or publicly owned property, nor constitute a traffic hazard by reason of obscuring motorist vision, or otherwise jeopardizing the normal flow of traffic;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Merced Irrigation District (MID) prohibits the use of their property and rights-of-way for the promotion of political candidates and ballot measures; and

**WHEREAS**, public property and public rights-of-way should not be used to promote the election of any candidate or support any ballot measure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to clarify the definition of the location of public property and the public rights-of-way to prevent any misunderstandings on the part of the candidates, staff or general public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON THAT:**

**Section 1.**        **Public Property and Public Right-of-Way Use to Promote or Oppose Political Candidates and Ballot Measures Prohibited.** The City Council hereby prohibits the use of public property and the public rights-of-way to promote any political candidate or ballot measure. This prohibition includes signs that are located on private property, but protrude or overhang on public property or on the public rights-of-way.

**Section 2.**        **Public Rights-of-Way and Public Property Definition.** Public rights-of-way and public property are hereby defined as:

- A. City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, Public Works Corporation Yard, Recreation Department Office, Child Care Center, well sites, sewer lift stations, storm water lift stations or on any building owned, operated, or leased by any government entity.
- B. On or within the confines of any public park, recreation area, storm drainage basin, or other type of landscaped ground owned or operated by any other public agency, or upon any flag pole or tree owned by a public agency.

- C. On any traffic control sign or device, such as stop lights and their standards, stop signs, yield signs, one-way street signs owned and operated by the City, or any other governmental agency.
- D. On any power pole or telephone pole.
- E. Along irrigation canals or property or rights-of-way owned by the Merced Irrigation District (MID).
- F. The area between the center of a street and the back of the sidewalk on streets (including park strips) where curb, gutter and sidewalk are present.
- G. The area between the center of the street and the edge of the pavement on streets where there is no curb, gutter and sidewalk present. In these cases the private property goes to the edge of the pavement.
- H. The area between the back of the sidewalk to the subdivision wall or fence built as part of an approved subdivision.
- I. Any subdivision masonry wall or other fence on the boundaries of a City subdivision.
- J. Any publicly owned fence surrounding public property.
- K. Any median strip or roundabout in any public street or road.
- L. Any other location shown not mentioned above constituting public property or public right-of-way as determined by the City.

**Section 3. Public Safety.** Temporary political signs may not be placed in any location:

- A. Which in any way blocks the view of a traffic control sign or device by motorists or pedestrians in such a manner as to create a hazard.
- B. Which in any way poses a hazard to motorists, pedestrians or cyclists using the public rights-of-way such as being located in such a way to not allow pedestrians or cyclists to pass by unobstructed or protruding into a street or sidewalk.

**Section 4. Candidate or Ballot Measure Proponent and Opponent Responsibilities.** As a condition of a Temporary Political Sign Permit, Candidates and ballot measure proponents and opponents have the following responsibilities:

- A. Adhere to Section 4-2-7 of the Livingston Municipal Code and this Resolution regulating temporary political signs.
- B. Accept responsibility to see that supporters and campaign workers place temporary political signs in appropriate locations.
- C. Monitor the placement of temporary political signs and take immediate affirmative action to relocate any signs in prohibited locations.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by the following vote:

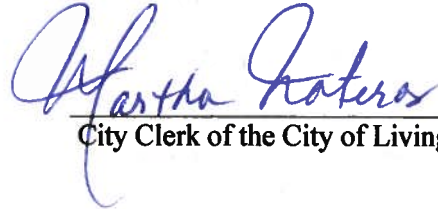
AYES: Mayor Friesen and Council Members Soria and Vierra  
NOES: Council Members Espinoza and Ingram  
ABSENT: None



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Mayor of the City of Livingston

ATTEST:

I, hereby certify, that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Livingston this 19th day of September 2006.



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City Clerk of the City of Livingston