

SECTION 7 – POLITICAL SIGNS

The placement of political signs may be regulated by the state, county or city, depending upon the location of such signs:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

Under provisions of the State Outdoor Advertising Act, signs may not be placed within the rights of way of any public road or highway or adjacent to a landscaped freeway; and signs may not be placed adjacent to a Federal-aid or Primary or an Interstate highway unless they are in compliance with the controls set forth in detail in this act. Before signs are placed in unincorporated areas within 660 feet of the right of way of a Federal-aid or Primary or an Interstate highway, a *Statement of Responsibility* must be completed and returned to the Department of Transportation district office. The Department of Transportation district office is prepared to answer any questions candidates may have about the state law regulating campaign signs. Candidates may write to: Department of Transportation, Encroachments & Permits, 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514. The telephone number is (760) 872-0674.

MONO COUNTY:

Political signs cannot be placed within a county right-of-way. (*County Code Section 13.04.020.3*) If you have questions about whether or not an area is within a county right-of-way, contact the Mono County Public Works Department at (760) 932-5440.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES:

Political Signs: Signs, posters, and banners indicating support for or opposition to a political candidate or political question. Such signs, posters or banners shall be removed within five days following the election, if the sign relates to an election. Such signs shall not exceed six square feet in area and shall not be placed in any public right-of-way or displayed on any public property. For more information please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes at (760) 934-8989.

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Dear Candidate or Committee Member:

As a candidate or campaign worker for either office or a ballot measure, this reminder about State law governing campaign signs should be helpful to you.

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act exempts the placing of Temporary Political Signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements.

A Temporary Political Sign meets the following criteria:

- A. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- B. Is placed no sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- C. Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- D. Has had a Statement of Responsibility filed with the Department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign (Attached).

A completed Statement of Responsibility must be submitted to:

Division of Traffic Operations
Outdoor Advertising Program
P.O. Box 942874, MS-36
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Temporary Political Signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any highway, or be visible within 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of a classified "Landscaped freeway".

State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized Temporary Political Signs and bill the responsible party for their removal. We are calling these provisions to your attention to avoid possible embarrassment or inconvenience to you and your supporters. Please share this information with those assisting in your campaign.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please call (916) 654-6473.

Enclosure

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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY
POLITICAL SIGNS**

Election Date: _____ June _____ November Other: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Office sought or Proposition Number: _____

County where sign(s) will be placed: _____

Number of signs to be placed: _____

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (Include Area Code) _____

The undersigned hereby accepts responsibility for the removal of Temporary Political Signs placed pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act for the above candidate or proposition.

It is understood and agreed that any Temporary Political Signs placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election and/or not removed within ten (10) days after the election, may be removed by the Department and the responsible party will be billed for any associated removal costs.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY

DATE

Mail Statement of Responsibility to:

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