

- d. **Easements.** No sign shall be placed under an overhead utility line, or in, on, within or over an easement owned by a public utility or utility company unless written consent for such placement has been obtained from the owner of the easement and location of the sign therein is not otherwise prohibited.
- e. **Visibility Triangle.** No sign exceeding three (3) feet in height (above grade) or any support pole or pedestal exceeding eighteen (18) inches in diameter shall be placed or displayed within a fifteen (15) foot visibility triangle on either side of the intersection of a driveway with a street or alley or the intersection of two (2) streets. "Fifteen foot visibility triangle" is the area encompassed by the triangle formed by projecting lines from the point of intersection (corner) of the edges of the vehicular travel portions of the intersecting streets or the intersecting street with the edges of the driveway or alley, as the case may be, fifteen (15) feet along said edges, and by closing said triangle with a line connecting the termini of said projected lines.
- f. **Building Ingress/Egress.** No sign shall be located in a manner that would obstruct ingress or egress from an exterior door, window or fire escape of a building or where it could interfere with emergency or handicap access.
- g. **Building Roof.** No sign shall be mounted on a building roof or which otherwise projects above a building wall, eave, or parapet.



- h. **Parked Vehicles and Trailers.** No sign shall be placed, located, or displayed on or from parked vehicles or trailers on any public right-of-way or at any location visible from a public street for the primary purpose of offering the vehicle or trailer for sale or advertising a business, product, service or business activity; provided, however that signs which are incidental to the primary use of a vehicle or trailer, or signs on any vehicle or trailer owned by a public agency, or used in the ordinary and customary operation of a business are not prohibited.
- i. **Freeways.** No sign shall be located within six hundred and sixty (660) feet of the outer limits of the main traveled roadway of a freeway, with the exception of temporary signs, real estate signs and signs permitted under the provisions of the Freeway Overlay District (as defined and described in the Zoning Ordinance).
- j. **General Prohibition.** No sign shall be displayed or placed in a manner which impedes the movement of vehicles or pedestrians, imitates, simulates, or interferes with an official traffic sign, signal, or device; or obstructs the visibility of motorists, bicyclists, or pedestrians.

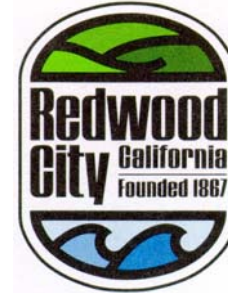


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## Pertinent Sections from the Sign Ordinance

### Ordinance Number 2161 Adopted 6-29-99

#### Section 3.61.60. Political Sign

A sign promoting a candidate for elective office, a political party, or a ballot measure.

#### Section 3.101. Political Signs

Signs that convey a message in connection with a federal, state, or local election (excluding government signs) or that promote a candidate for elected office, political party, or ballot measure; provided, the following requirements are satisfied prior to displaying the sign:

- a. A statement of responsibility shall be filed with the city indicating the name, telephone number, and address of the person who will be responsible for removing the sign and who will reimburse the city for any costs incurred if the sign is not removed in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- b. Political signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- c. Political signs may be displayed either on privately owned property or within the public right-of-way in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.114 of this Article.
- d. No political sign shall be displayed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the election to which it pertains. Each such sign shall be removed within ten (10) days after the election.

## DIVISION 9. PROHIBITED SIGNS

### Section 3.112. General Application

No person shall install or maintain any of the signs identified in this Division. Any prohibited sign shall be immediately abated by the property owner or person responsible for the installation and/or maintenance of the sign.

### Section 3.113. Prohibited Types of Signs

No person shall install or maintain any of the following signs at any location in the city:

- a. **Abandoned Signs and/or Displays.** Abandoned signs and/or displays.
- b. **Animated Signs.** Animated signs with the exception of signs that display the current time, date, temperature, weather conditions or other public service information.
- c. **Audible Signs.** Audible signs with the exception of any sign that conveys information to customers in vehicles at an approved drive-through window.
- d. **Billboards.** Any freestanding sign exceeding one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area.
- g. **Portable Signs.** Portable signs with the exception of signs that comply with the provisions of Division 4 Section 3.79(a) ("Portable Signs") and Division 8 ("Real Estate Signs") of this Article.
- j. **Unauthorized Signs.** Any sign installed without a permit required under the provisions of Division 2 ("Permits") of this Article or any sign otherwise authorized, but placed on private property without the permission of the owner thereof.
- h. **Signs Resembling A Traffic Control Device.** Any sign which by its color, shape, location or other feature resembles or conflicts with the operation of any official traffic control device, sign or signal.
- l. **Inflatable signs, Sky Signs, Spinners, and Ribbons.** Inflatable figures, characters, balloons, sky signs, spinners, ribbons and similar outdoor advertising devices.

## Ordinance Number 2184 Adopted 1-10-00

### Section 3.114. Unauthorized Locations

- a. **Public Property.** Except as provided in subdivision b, and except with respect to government signs, **signs are prohibited in, upon, or within any public property including, without limitation, any sidewalk, post, crosswalk, curb, parking meter, utility pole, light standard, hydrant, bridge structure, drinking fountain, or in or upon any government sign, public building, facility, easement, or any other publicly-owned property.**
- b. **Public Right-of-way.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision a, community activity signs, open house signs, garage sale signs, political signs, and government signs may be placed, installed or displayed in that portion of the public right-of-way between the vehicular travel portion of a street and the adjacent sidewalk ("parking strip.")
- c. **Off-site Signs.** Off-site signs are prohibited except for community activity signs, open house signs, garage sale signs, political signs, and signs permitted under the provisions of a Free Overlay District (as defined and described in the Zoning Ordinance); provided, that written consent to such placement has been obtained from the owner of the property prior to displaying the sign.

