

Zoning Enforcement Political Sign Regulations



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Political Sign A Narrative Summary of Regulations

All signs erected within the city limits of Albuquerque, including political signs regarding specific elections, are regulated by the Comprehensive Zoning code, Ordinance 14-16-3-5, A summary of Section (B)(3), states the following:

- 1) Signs may not exceed six (6) square feet for each premise in a residential zone.
- 2) Signs erected in non residential zone may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet for each sign. This would include mobile or portable signs.
- 3) Political signs may be erected no earlier than sixty day (60) prior to the primary or general election and must be removed no later than (10) days after the election or termination of candidacy whichever comes first.
- 4) Political signs shall AT NO TIME be placed on any Public Right of Way or any Publicly owned property including highways, walking and bike paths, over passes, drains, arroyos, medians, utility poles, traffic signs, parks, street trees, golf courses and open spaces.
- 5) Candidates intending to place signs during any political cycle should fill out a Contact Information Form including the candidates contact information.

The above regulations are for political signs erected in addition to normally or previously permitted off premise signs (billboards). Political advertisements may be placed on an approved off premise sign at any time. All off premise signs must be permitted before being erected. Specific permit regulations may be obtained by contacting the Zoning Enforcement Office.

Signs placed on a vehicle are allowed, provided that any vehicle with a sign face over two (2) square feet is not conspicuously parked or continually parked in such a manner as to constitute a sign, the vehicle must be used for bonafide vehicular purposes.

No signs shall be placed in the public right-of- ways including street medians sidewalks or utility poles. In addition, signs shall not encroach upon the clear sight triangle at a street intersection.

The following pages of the manual illustrate the regulations and prohibited locations in the narrative summary. Any suggestions regarding the regulations or illustrations should be brought to the attention of Zoning Code Enforcement Office at 924-3850

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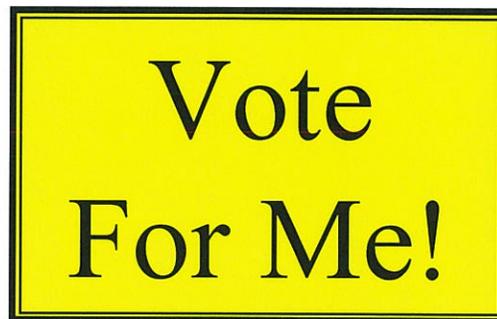
Signs shall not be erected more than 60 days prior to the election to which it pertains.

Signs must be removed within ten (10) days after the election to which it pertains or after the termination of candidacy, which ever occurs first.

Signs size in Residential Zone

6 square feet

(or any combination equal to 6 sq. ft.)



2 feet

3 feet

Sign size in a non-residential (commercial) zone

32 square feet

(or any combination equal to 32 square feet)

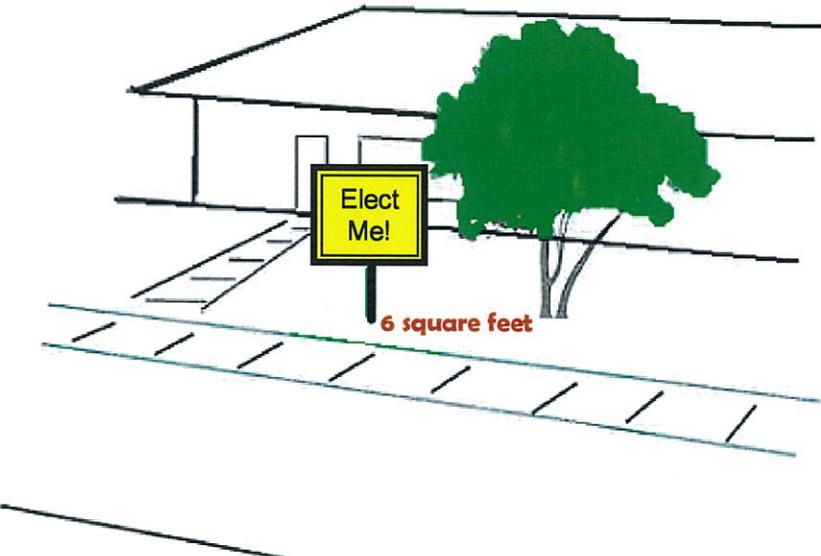
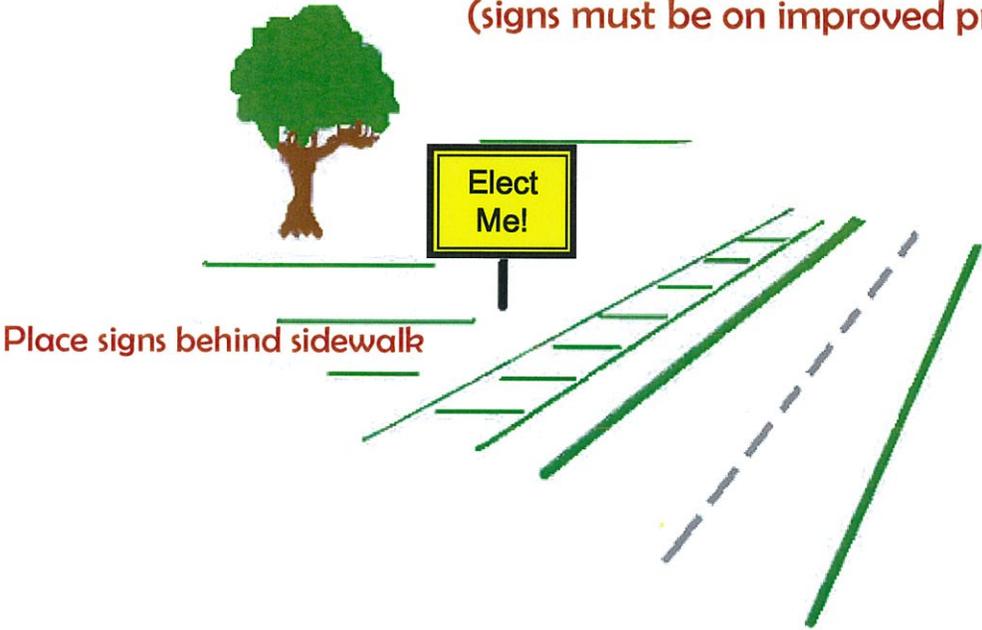


4 feet

8 feet

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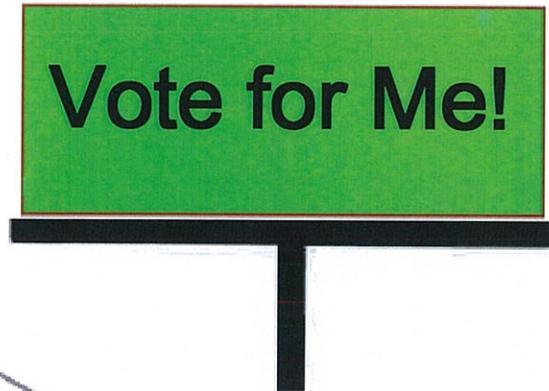
6 square feet in Residential yards
32 square feet in Commercial yards
(signs must be on improved property)



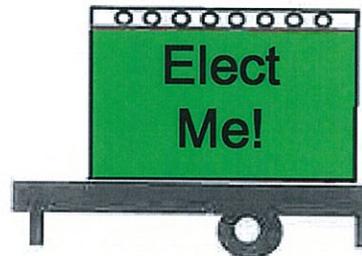
Signs in a Residential Zone

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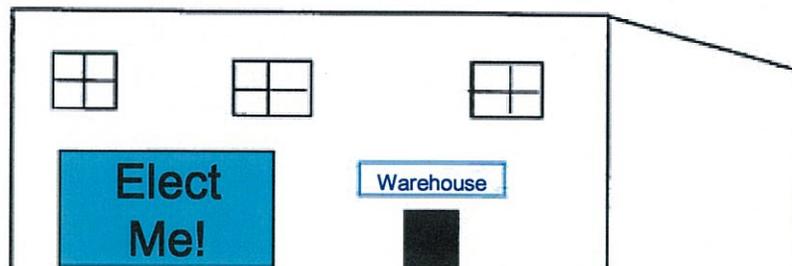
You can use existing off premise signs (billboards) 365 days a year. Contact billboard owner for information



You can use mobile message boards up to 32 square feet, in commercial zones only.



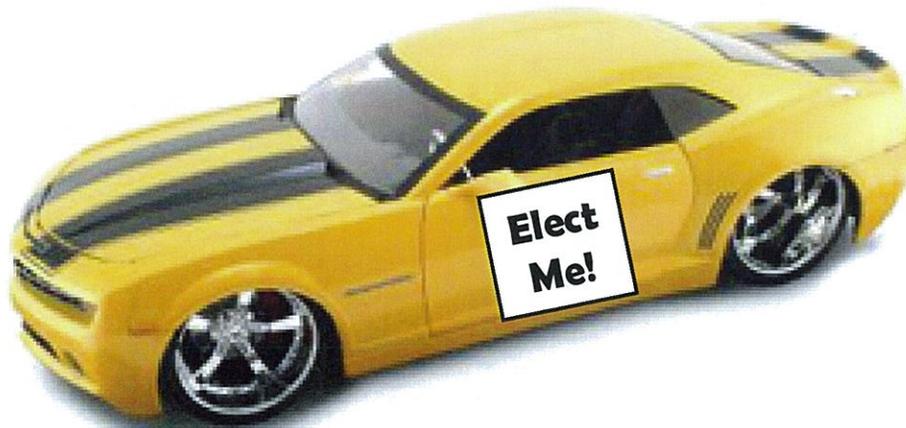
32 square feet for signs in commercial locations



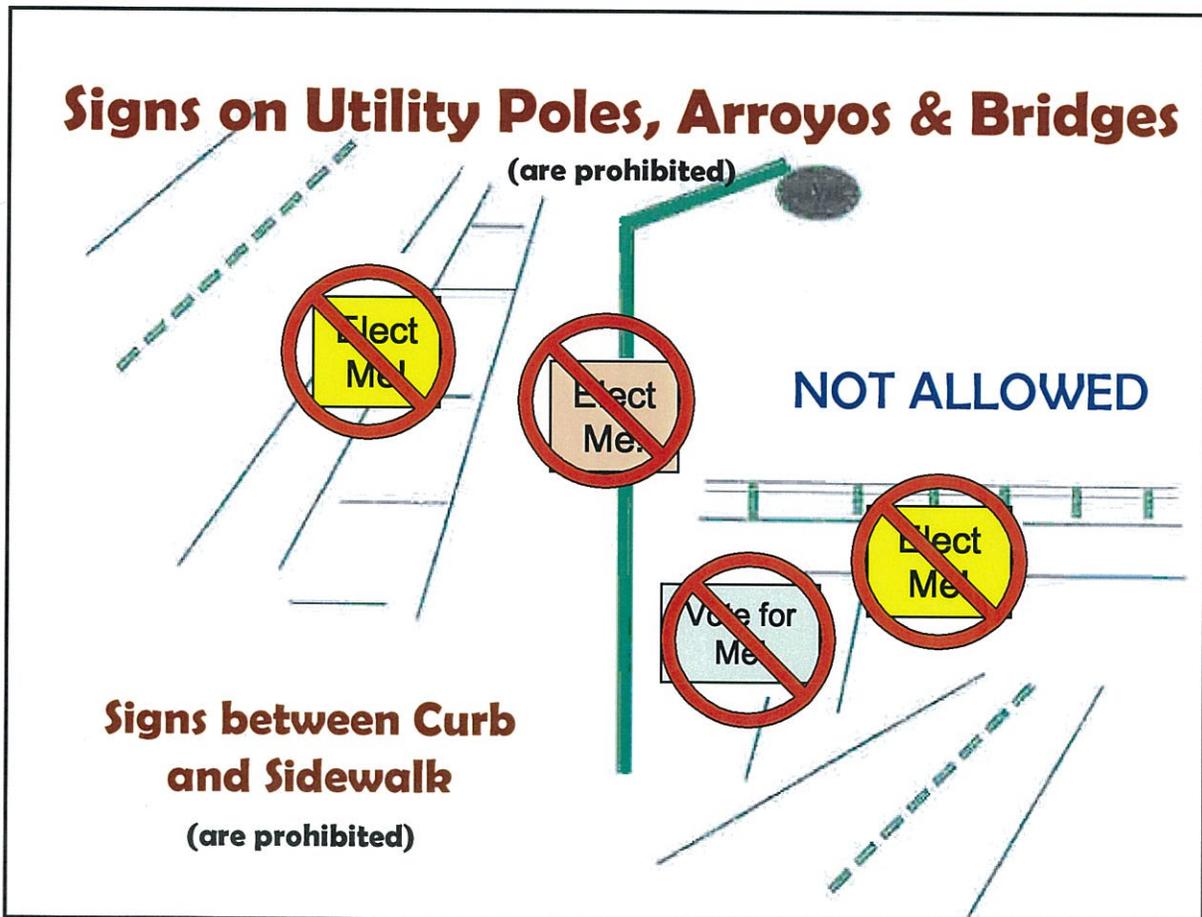
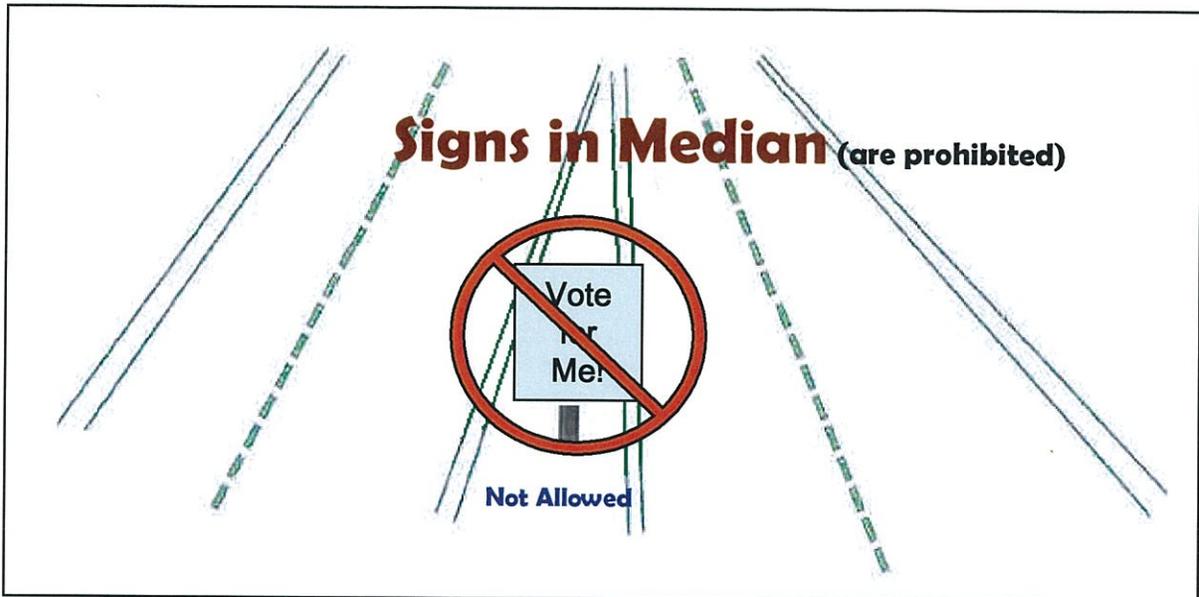
Signs allowed on Vehicle



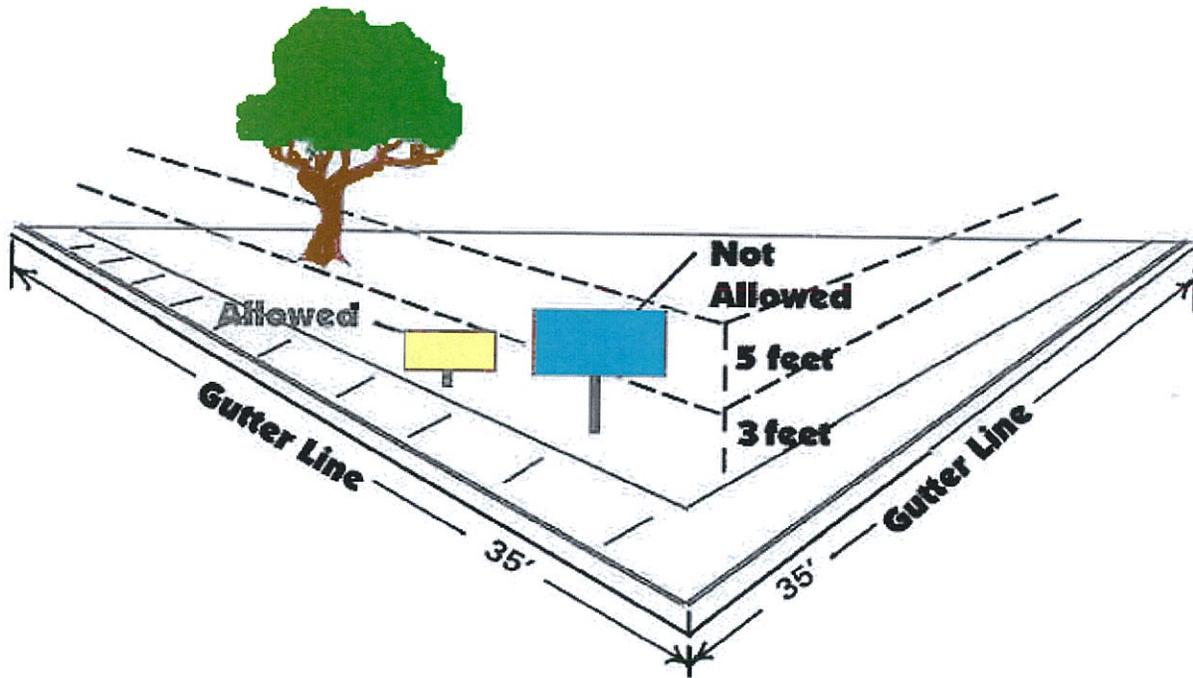
2 square feet per side



Signs NOT approved for Placement



Signs Prohibited in the Clear Sight Triangle



Area to be clear of any signs between three (3) feet high and eight (8) feet high measured from the gutter line.