

# TEMPORARY SIGN REGULATIONS

All signs erected within city limits of Albuquerque, including political signs pertaining to a specific election, are regulated by the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). Section 14-16-5-12(I) of the IDO outlines the specific standards for temporary signs, and allows the following:

Number	Up to four (4) signs per premise.
Size	The total sign area of all signs cannot be greater than 16 square feet.
Height	The maximum height of any sign shall be no greater than four (4) feet above the top of the highest wall on the lot where the sign is placed or no greater than eight (8) feet if no walls exist on the lot where the sign is placed.
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Signs are not allowed to be attached or affixed to the wall of a residential building or an accessory structure.</li><li>- Signs are also not allowed in common areas, such as homeowner association areas and private easements, unless approved by the owner of the common area.</li><li>- Signs placed within the public right-of-way are strictly prohibited. These areas include street medians, the public sidewalk, signs fastened to traffic signal poles, street light poles, utility poles, stop signs, etc.<sup>1</sup></li><li>- Signs cannot encroach into the clear sight triangle.<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
Time Period	One (1) temporary sign may be displayed for up to 60 consecutive days prior to and 10 consecutive days after an election.
Permit Required?	Temporary signs may be erected without obtaining a sign permit, provided that they comply with the standards listed above.

Additionally, off premise signs (billboards) may be used for political advertisements, provided the off premise sign has been properly reviewed and permitted. Specific permit regulations may be obtained by contacting the Code Enforcement Division ([codeenforcement@cabq.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@cabq.gov), 505-924-3850).

**Examples of sign placement is on the next page.**

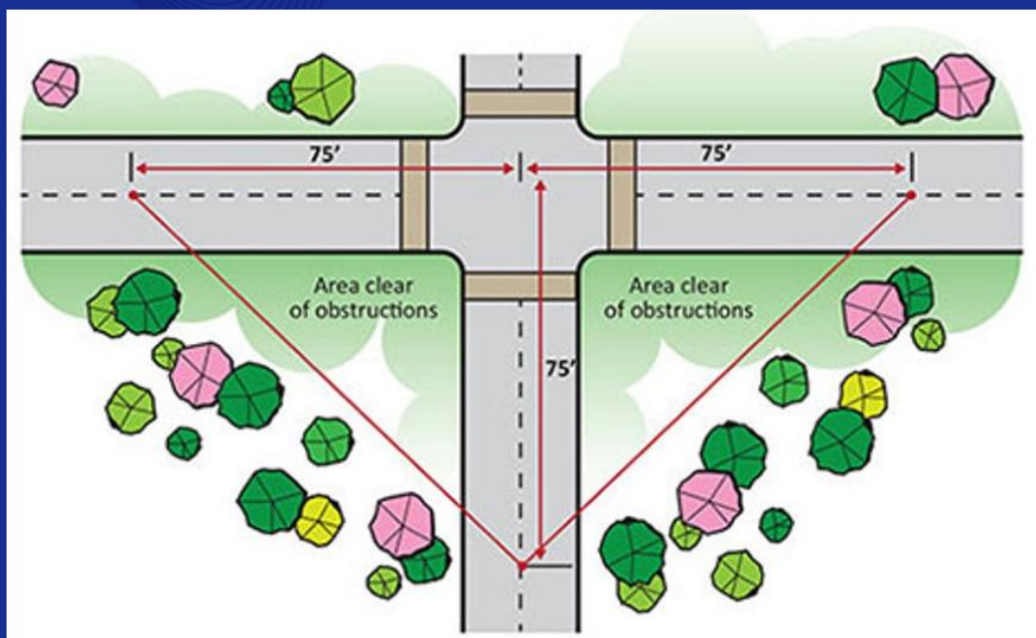
<sup>1</sup> Improperly placed signs collected by the City of Albuquerque during election season may be retrieved in accordance with Administrative Instruction No. 1-17.

<sup>2</sup> The clear sight triangle is the area between curb lines of an intersection and line connecting points at a specific distance from the corner of the intersection and such corner is determined by projecting the curb lines out to a specific point.

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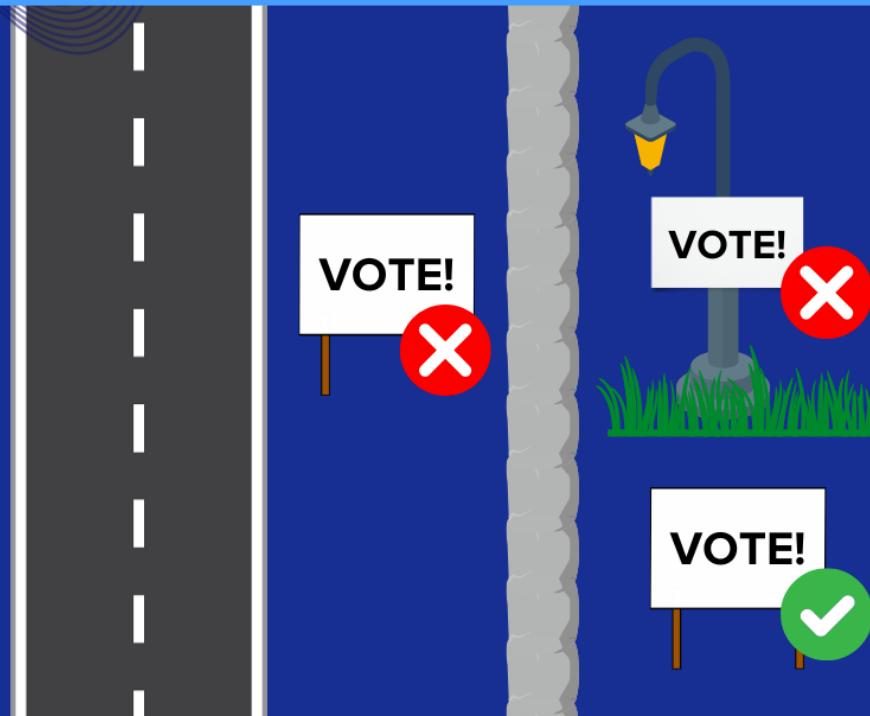
Improperly placed political signs within the public right-of-way, that may have been collected by the City of Albuquerque during an election season to which the sign pertains will be temporarily stored **and may be retrieved at the City of Albuquerque, Pino Yards facility** located at 5501 Pino Ave NE, Albuquerque NM 87109. All political signs collected by the city will be held for 20 days after the conclusion of the election and then will be disposed of by the City. To retrieve political signs, individuals will be required to check in at the security guard station at the Pino Yard facility and a photo ID. Political signs may be retrieved **Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 6:00 p.m.** All other illegal signs within the public right-of-way will be discarded as soon as they are collected.

### SIGNS CANNOT ENCROACH INTO THE CLEAR SIGN TRIANGLE



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This document is meant as a guide for different types of sign placement and does not constitute legal advice. Each candidate and committee shall be responsible for legal compliance and review the provisions of the City Charter or State Law.