

Code Enforcement

Political Sign Regulations



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POLITICAL SIGNS
A NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF
REGULATIONS

All signs erected within city limits of Albuquerque, including political signs pertaining to a specific election, 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 zones may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet for each sign. This would include mobile or portable signs.
- 3) Such political signs may be erected no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the primary or general election to which is pertains, and they must be removed within ten (10) days after the election or termination of candidacy, whichever comes first.
- 4) Signs meeting the above criteria do not require permits from Code Enforcement.

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 face at any time. All off premise signs must be permitted before they may be erected and it should not be assumed that such signs would be legal. Specific permit regulations may be obtained by contacting the Code Enforcement Office.

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

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

The following pages of the manual illustrate the regulations and prohibitions contained in this narrative summary. Any suggestions regarding the regulations or illustrations should be brought to the immediate attention of the 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.

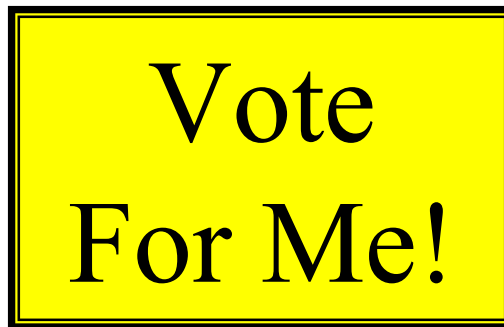
Signs must be removed within ten (10) days after the election to which it pertains or after the termination of candidacy, whichever ever occurs first.

Sign size in Residential Zone

(signs may not be located on vacant residential lots)

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)



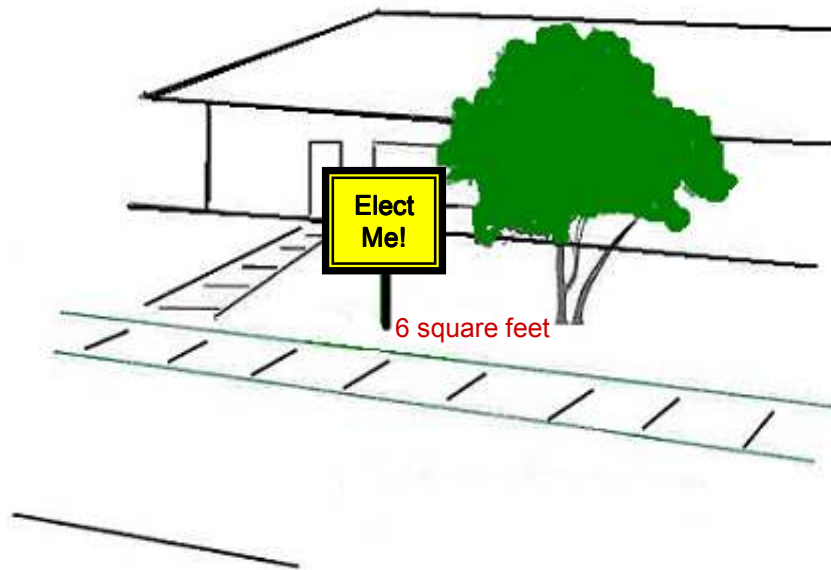
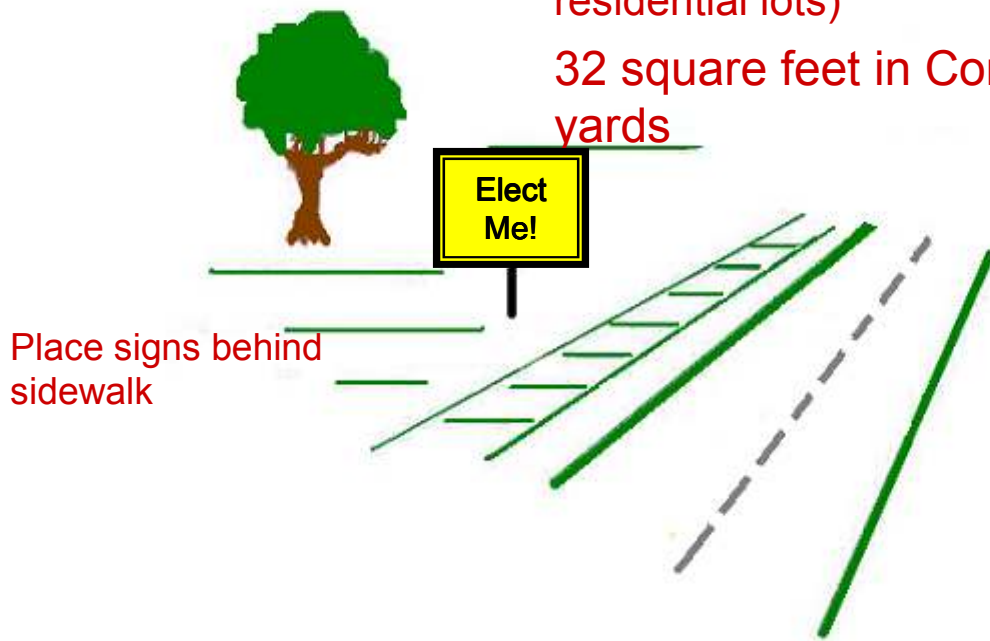
4 feet

8 feet

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6 square feet in Residential yards
(signs may not be located on vacant residential lots)

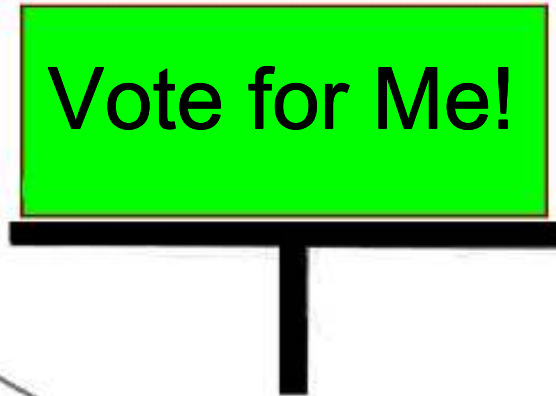
32 square feet in Commercial yards



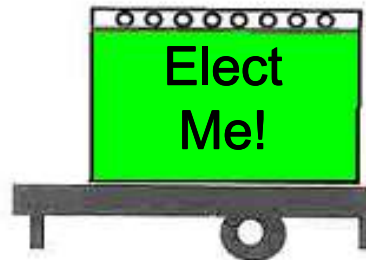
Signs in a Residential Zone

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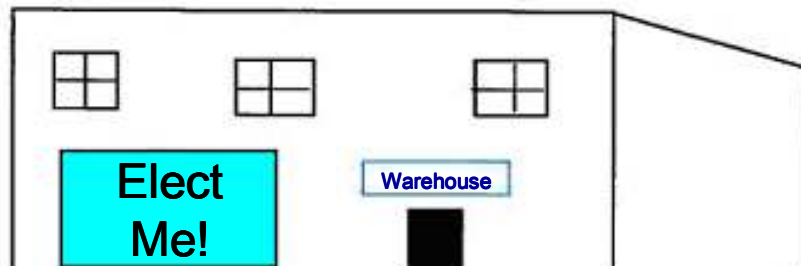
You can use existing off premise signs (billboards) 365 days a year. Contact billboard owner for information



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



32 square feet for signs in commercial locations



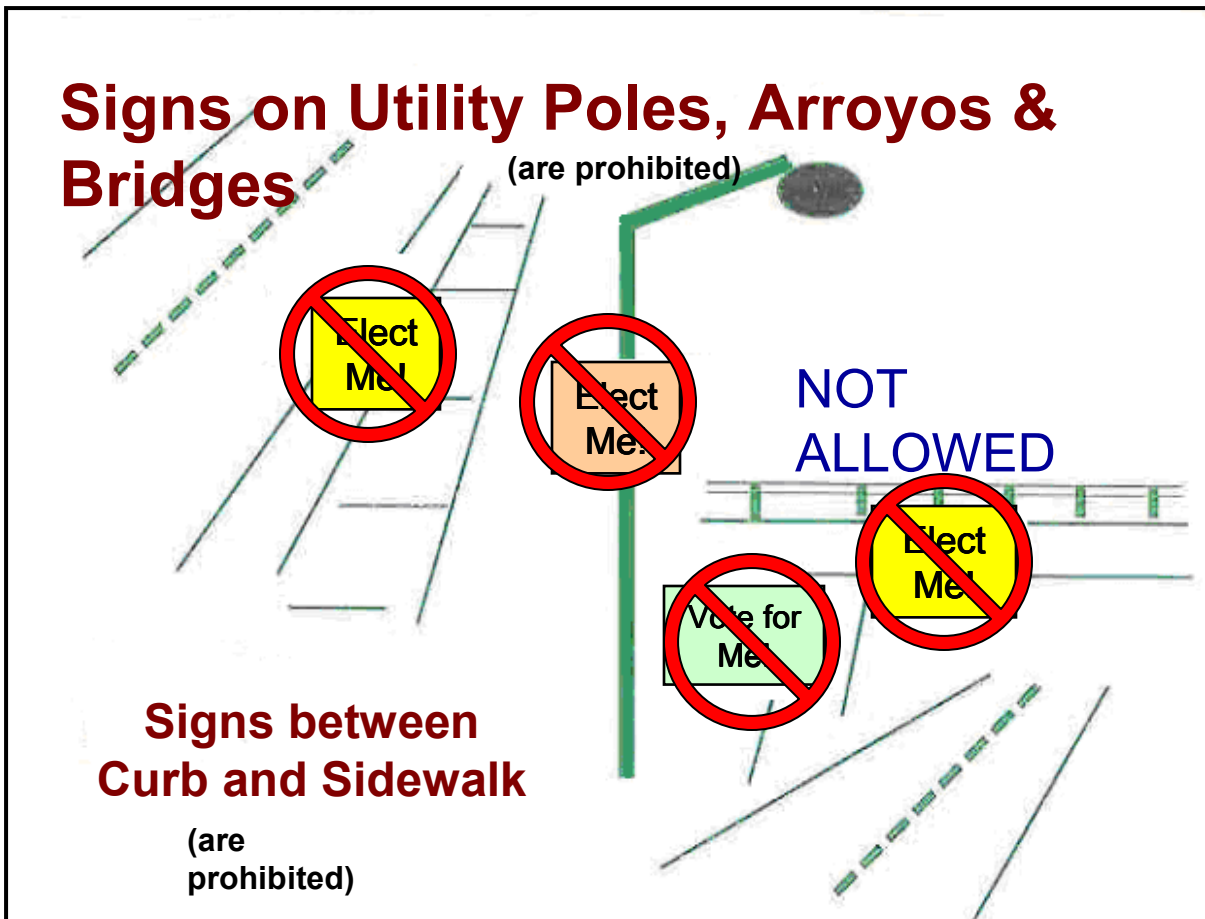
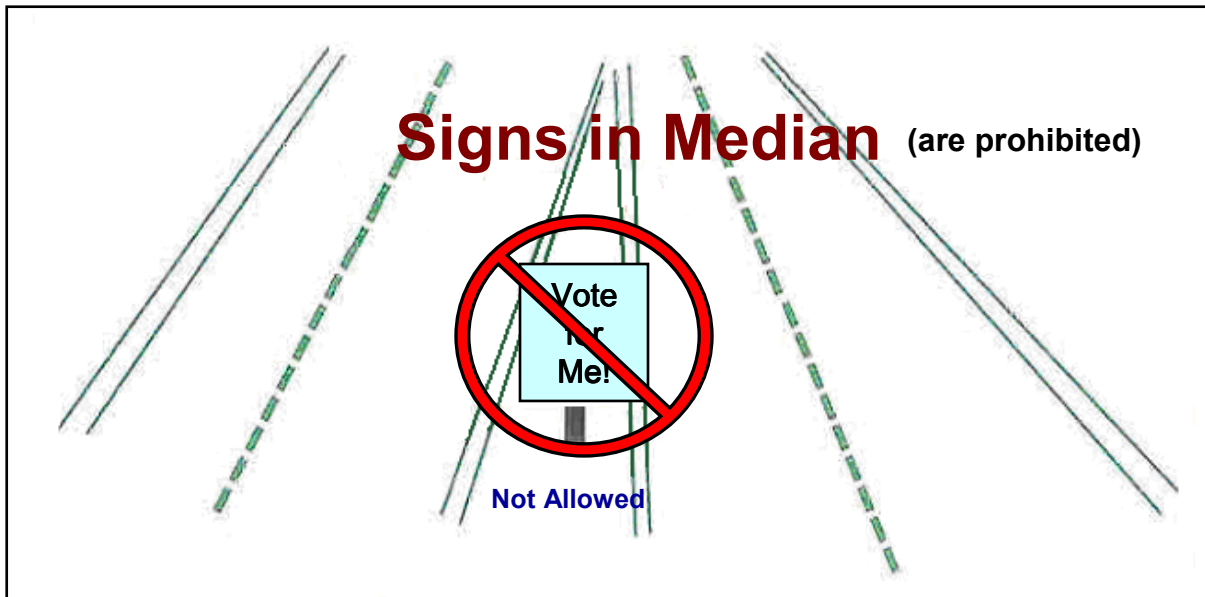
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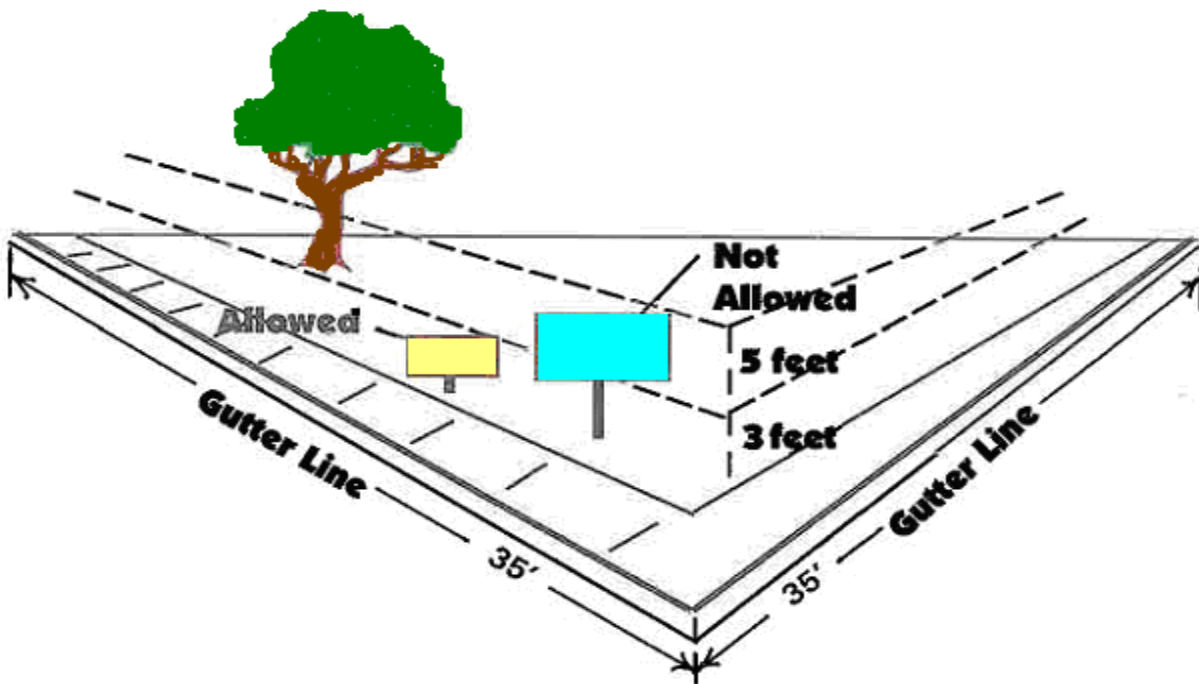
Signs over 2 square feet must comply with the political sign regulations



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.