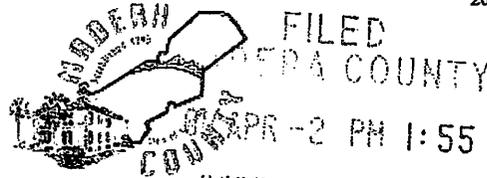


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REBECCA MARTINEZ
COUNTY CLERK
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March 31, 2004

Ms. Rebecca Martinez, County Clerk-Recorder
209 West Yosemite Avenue
Madera, CA 93637

RE: County Ordinances Pertaining to Elections

Dear Ms. Martinez;

Pursuant to your request, this letter is being forwarded as confirmation that I am unaware of any new Codes being adopted, pertaining to Elections. I have been informed that the packet you facsimiled to Code Enforcement are current and applicable.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. If you should require further assistance from the Resource Management Agency, please direct those inquiries to me. I can be directly contacted at kkivley@madera-county.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy A. Kivley".

Kathy A. Kivley
Interim, Director of Resource Management Agency

Enclosure: Copy of Election Packet received on 2/24/04 by Code Enforcement

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BEFORE
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF MADERA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ORDINANCE NO. 525C

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MADERA COUNTY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 18.90.040 OF CHAPTER 18.90 OF TITLE 18 THEREOF; RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section 1.

Madera County Code § 18.90.040 provides that no sign shall be placed upon any public property, including sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, curbs, lamp posts, hydrants, trees, utility poles, buildings, fences, and rights-of-way of any type, except for legal notices which are authorized by law to be so located and political signs for which a valid encroachment permit has been issued. Over the years, campaign or political signs promoting or opposing candidates or ballot issues have proliferated throughout the unincorporated area of the County, especially within the right-of-way of County roads. The placement of such signs within the road right-of-way has sometimes been based upon the issuance of an encroachment permit by the County Road Department and sometimes not. In either case, placement of such signs within the road right-of-way may constitute a potential safety hazard to the traveling public as well as a potential nuisance due to the negligence of certain candidates and/or organizations in removing the signs within the prescribed time periods and as a result of the sign litter produced when such signs fall down (or are torn down) and left

1 in place. Further, the perception that such signs may be placed
2 with in the road right-of-way, with or without an encroachment
3 permit, and the proliferation of such signs being placed within
4 the road right-of-way, has become a difficult enforcement
5 problem for the Road Department in that the Department has
6 limited resources with which to respond to a variety of road-
7 related problems and incidents, requiring the Department's
8 attention.

9 This Board has considered other measures to deal with the
10 problems caused by the placement of campaign signs within the
11 road right-of-way but finds that the elimination of encroachment
12 permits for the placement of such signs is the fairest, most
13 comprehensive, and most economical way of dealing with the
14 problems posed by such placement. This Board further finds that
15 persons wishing to put up campaign signs or political signs
16 within the unincorporated area of the County have ample
17 opportunity to do so by securing the permission of property
18 owners for the placement of such signs upon private property.
19 In this respect, the Board finds that the elimination of
20 encroachment permits for the placement of campaign signs within
21 the road right-of-way will not significantly limit or impair the
22 right of candidates or organizations to advertise their
23 positions but will improve traffic safety and help control
24 litter and other nuisances associated with the placement of
25 campaign signs within the road right-of-way.

26 Based upon the findings contained in the preceding
27 paragraph, this Board has determined that the adoption of this
28 Ordinance is necessary for a preservation of the public safety

1 on welfare.

2 Section 2.

3 Section 18.90.040 of Chapter 18.90 of Title 18 of the
4 Madera County Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as
5 follows [deletions are struck through; additions are
6 highlighted]:

7 "18.90.040 Signs Prohibited on Public Property. No
8 sign shall be placed upon any public property,
9 including sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, curbs, lamp
10 posts, hydrants, trees, utility poles, buildings,
11 fences, and rights-of-way of any type, except such
legal notices which are authorized by law to be so
located, and political signs for which a valid
encroachment permit has been issued. No sign shall
project over any public property or right-of-way.

12 ~~Request for encroachment permits shall be made to the~~
13 ~~Madera County Road Department by written application~~
14 ~~providing such information as required by that~~
15 ~~department and accompanied by a fee set by Resolution~~
16 ~~of the Board of Supervisors. An encroachment permit~~
17 ~~may require security for the cost of sign removal."~~

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1 Section 3.

2 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty
3 (30) days after its adoption.

4 The foregoing Ordinance was adopted this 1st day of
5 March, 1994, by the following vote:

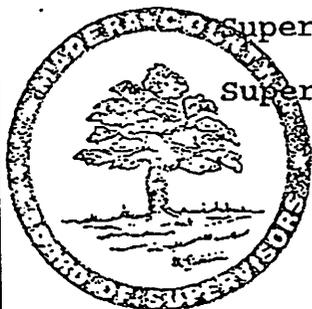
6 Supervisor Jensen voted:

7 supervisor Ginsburg voted:

8 Supervisor Hanhart McIntyre voted:

9 Supervisor Lopez voted:

10 Supervisor Baker voted:



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12 [Signature]
13 Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Yes
Yes
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Yes
Yes

14 ATTEST:

15 [Signature]
16 Clerk, Board of Supervisors

17 Approved as to Legal Form:
18 COUNTY COUNSEL

19 By [Signature]

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