

## **LOS GATOS POLITICAL SIGN AND SOLICITATION REGULATIONS**

The Los Gatos Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 29 of the Los Gatos Municipal Code, regulates signs in the Town and provides as follows:

### **Definition of a Political Sign:**

Any sign which is intended to influence the vote for the passage or defeat of a measure, or nomination, election or defeat of a candidate in any governmental election. (Sec. 29.10.100)

### **Political Signs on Private Property:**

Any number of non-illuminated political signs, either freestanding or attached, is permitted, limited to a total area not exceeding six (6) square feet in residential zones and not exceeding eighteen (18) square feet in other zones. There is no area limit for political window signs, and their area is in addition to that allowed for other political signs. No political sign shall be erected an unreasonable period of time in advance of the election or convention, and all persons who erect political signs or who own or control the premises where political signs are erected, are jointly and severally liable to remove such signs within ten (10) days after the election or convention to which the sign pertains. (Sec. 29.10.110(15))

### **No signs, political or otherwise are allowed:**

- Within the public right-of-way. (Sec. 29.10.125(9))
- Obstructing the view of a traffic sign, signal, or device. (Sec. 29.10.115(7))
- On any fence, pole tree, pavement, wall, bus stop, bench, or any other object in a public thoroughfare. (Sec. 29.10.115(9))

### **Removal of Unlawful Signs:**

Any sign erected or maintained contrary to the provisions of this division (of the Town Code) or any other ordinance of the Town, including unlawfully erected signs . . . is in its entirety an unlawful sign. The provisions of sections 29.20.950 and 29.20.955, addressing process and penalty for violation infraction, are applicable to unlawful signs, and to those who erect or maintain them. (Sec. 29.10.140(i))

### **Solicitation, Handbill and Flyer Distribution:**

No person shall throw, cast, distribute, scatter, deposit or place, upon any public place within the Town or on any vehicle, any handbill, dodger, sample, circular, advertisement, newspaper, paper, booklet, poster, or any other printed matter or literature except that such an item may be personally delivered to those who are willing to accept the item, so long as such delivery is otherwise lawful under this code. (Sec. 18.10.010(a)(b))

The Los Gatos Municipal Code is available at [www.MuniCode.com](http://www.MuniCode.com).