BACKGROUND:

The following provides a summary of City of Albany Code requirements regarding location, placement, removal and size dimensions of temporary non-commercial signs. Recent changes to the Sign Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2020-01) have eliminated reference to “political or campaign signs”. Political/campaign signs are now under the category of temporary non-commercial signs. Please contact Anne Hsu, City Clerk at (510) 528-5763 or cityclerk@albanyca.org with any questions regarding political/campaign signs (categorized as temporary non-commercial signs) including placement issues for these signs.

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SECTION 20.32.020 Definitions (A-Z)

Temporary Non-Commercial Sign shall mean a sign which displays non-commercial speech. Temporary non-commercial signs shall not be inflatable or air activated, projecting, or roof mounted.

SECTION 20.32.045 Temporary Non-Commercial Signs

A. Time Duration. Temporary non-commercial signs may be displayed without a time duration in all zoning districts.

B. Location. Signs shall be located on private property only and with permission of the owner or occupant.

C. Size Limitation. Temporary non-commercial signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area per sign.

D. Public Right of Way. Temporary non-commercial signs displayed shall not be located on City property or public right-of-way. Temporary non-commercial signs located on City property or public right-of-way shall be subject to removal by the City of Albany.

E. Exception. City sponsored temporary non-commercial sign displays shall be permitted for up to ninety (90) days on City property with prior notice and authorization by the Community Development Director or their Designee. The notice shall include the time duration for installation and locations of City property.