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Guidelines for Posting Signs

Signs that are 11 inches in height or less DO NOT require registration and may be posted on:

- Commercial Streets (more than 50 percent of the block has a commercial purpose at ground level) and
- **Non-Commercial Streets** (less than 50 percent of the block has a commercial purpose at ground level)
- Plain English....flyer-size signs are legal on any City street if the following conditions are met:
- Caltrans permit is required to post on State jurisdiction for the following streets: Lombard, Van Ness and 19th Avenue.
- Port of San Francisco permit is required to post in the following areas: The Embarcadero, Fisherman's Wharf, China Basin etc. Contact K.H. Chiu @ (415) 274-0595 for more information.

Registration: Not required

Size: 11 inches high or less

Pole Type: Lamp or utility (see strict prohibition on next page)

Number: No more than one copy of any sign (i.e. no duplicate) on a single

pole at any time

Elevation: No more than 12 feet from the ground measured from the top of the

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Method: Must conform to the shape of the pole; affixed with non-adhesive

materials, such as string or other non-metal binding material (plastic wrapped around pole is okay); No staples, nails, glue or other substances that causes damage to the pole. The sign should

be secure.

Posting Date: Lower right hand corner, legible and visible after the sign is posted

Duration: Must be removed after completion of filming.

<u>Signs greater than 11 inches in height are prohibited on Non-Commercial Streets</u> (i.e. residential streets).

Plain English: No big signs in residential areas; just flyer size if they meet above

criteria

Signs (greater 11 inches and no more than 2 feet by 4 feet) can be posted on Commercial Streets if registered with DPW and are in accord with the following conditions:

Registration: Required

Size: No more than 2 feet by 4 feet

Pole Type: Lamp or Utility (See strict prohibitions on next page)

Number: No more than 8 feet from the ground measured from the bottom of

the sign, cannot obstruct the view of any traffic control sign or

signal

Method: No adhesive materials, no staples, nails, glue, tape) (string or non-

metal banding, plastic wrap okay)

Posting Date: At least one inch high figures in lower right hand corner and visible

after posting

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Duration: Removal required no more than 70 days after <u>Posting Date.</u>

Elections and event related signs must be removed within 10

days of the event or election.

Prohibition on Sign Posting on these poles, no matter what, no matter the size:

 Any traffic control signal or traffic sign poles (example: stop signs, school crossing zones, traffic signals); anything that controls/ protects traffic and/or pedestrians.

Historic or decorative streetlight poles:

- Market Street Path of Gold all of Market (33 foot high with historical subjects as decoration)
- Mission Street corridor between 16th and 24th (maroon colored with acorn shaped fancy tops)
- Dragon Street lanterns on Grant between Bush and Washington (red colored with Chinese lantern shaped tops)
- Embarcadero between King and Jefferson (slate blue with decorative bases and acorn shaped tops)
- Streetlight poles adjacent to Moscone Center on Howard between 3rd and 4th (10 poles in bronze with cobra shaped fixture)
- Union Square Plaza, bounded by Geary, Stockton, Post, Powell (slate blue with decorative bases and acorn shaped tops)
- Mason Street from Market to Sutter (gray with gold trim, decorative base and double acorn tops)
- Sutter from Mason to Kearny (same as above)
- Kearny from Bush to Market (same as above)