

COACHELLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL SIGN ORDINANCES
SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

ORDINANCE REQUIREMENT		CATHEDRAL CITY	COACHELLA	DESERT HOT SPRINGS	LA QUINTA	INDIAN WELLS	INDIO	PALM DESERT	PALM SPRINGS	RANCHO MIRAGE
Sign Placement										
Public Property		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Public Right-Away		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Utility Poles		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Max # per Property		1 per Frontage; Max 2	1 per acre or less	1 per Frontage	1 per Frontage	1 Front; 1 Back	1 per Property	1 per Frontage	1 per Property	2; under 2 acres
Set-Back from Curb		9' - 14'	n/a	10'	n/a	10'	5'	10'	n/a; Parallel to Street	10'
Flyer Boxes		OK	n/a	n/a	n/a	Prohibited	n/a	n/a	Affixed to Sign	OK
Colors		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Beige/Brown	n/a	n/a	Beige/Brown	n/a
Sign Type/Size Limits										
Max Sq Ft		4 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft; Open House 4 Sq Ft	3 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	18" x 24"	6 Sq Ft	3 Sq Ft	3 Sq Ft	2 Sq Ft; 4 Sq Ft Total for 2
Max Height		7'; Open House 3'	4'	4'	4'	4'	4'	4'	3' to Bottom	n/a
Sign Type		n/a	Sandwich or "A" frame Prohibited	n/a	n/a	Single or Double Metal Stake	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sign Rider		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1- 24" x 3"; content restrictions	n/a	1- 5" x 16"; attached to sign bottom	1- 3" x width; attached to sign bottom	n/a
Open House Signs										
Max # per Open House		1 On-site; Max 5	1 On-site; 1 Off-Site	1; no off-site signs	1 Affixed; no off-site signs	n/a; 1 per Intersection Corner, Only	1 On-site; 1 Off-Site	n/a	1 On-site; 2 Off-Site	n/a
Max Duration		Same Day, Only when Agent is present	n/a	n/a	n/a	9 AM to Dusk	n/a	n/a	8 AM to Sunset	n/a
Flags, Balloons, Illum., etc.		n/a	n/a	Prohibited	n/a	Prohibited	n/a	n/a	Prohibited	Prohibited
Non-Compliance Penalty										
Confiscated/Destroyed		Yes/7 Days	Yes	Yes	Yes/30 Days	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes/30 Days
Fine or Citation		No	\$100	Recovery Fee	\$50 - \$250	\$25	Possible Fine	Yes; 2nd Offense	\$100 - \$500/Day; Property Owner	No
Attempt to Contact		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

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