

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	
<b>Sign Placement</b>										
Public Property	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Public Right-Away	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Utility Poles	Prohibited	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	
<b>Sign Type/Size Limits</b>										
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	
<b>Open House Signs</b>										
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	
<b>Non-Compliance Penalty</b>										
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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