

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:** Waive the second reading and adopt an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance text for Zoning Amendment 2010-025. The Project Proposes to Amend County Code to Add a Definition of a Political Sign and Align The Zoning Ordinance with State Law As It Relates To Political Signs. The Proposed Amendment is to Section 17.65.010.E.4.d, 17.108.190, and 17.148.010 of the Zoning Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT OF BOARD ACTIONS:** On May 11 the Board waived the first reading and introduced the above mentioned ordinance. If adopted the ordinance is effective thirty (30) days after the second reading. Once the zoning amendment becomes effective, the process is final.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:** The Board of Supervisors can amend the text as proposed by the Planning Commission, add additional text to the amendment, or refer the matter back to the Planning Department or the Planning Commission for further review and recommendations. If the Board denies the amendment, political signs will continue to be regulated under the existing provisions for commercial signage in county code.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Final Ordinance
Source:		_____
Internal Transfer	_____	_____
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	_____
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	_____
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	_____
( ) General ( ) Other		_____

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Res. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ord. No. 1070

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes:   

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

*MW* Approved

( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Requested Action Recommended

No Opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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CAO: *[Signature]*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 1070**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 17.65.010, 17.108.190, and 17.148.010  
OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors initiated Zoning Amendment Application No. 2010-025; and

**WHEREAS**, Application No. 2010-025 proposes to establish regulations for political signs that are consistent with the regulations established by the State of California for temporary political signs posted along state highways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on Zoning Amendment 2010-025 on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, in accordance with State Law and County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing on Zoning Amendment 2010-025 on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010, in accordance with State Law and County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental review has been conducted on Zoning Amendment 2010-025 in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, a finding of Exemption has been made, and a Notice of Exemption will be filed for the project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa does hereby amend Section 17.65.010.E.4.d to make reference to Section 17.108.190 for regulations pertaining to political signs, amend Section 17.108.190 to add language specific to political signs, and Section 17.148.010 to add the definition of political signs as follows:

**Section I:**

Section 17.65.010.E.4

d. Temporary political, election, or campaign signs are discussed in Section 17.108.190.G.

**Section II:**

Section 17.108.190

G. Political signs, as defined by this title, shall comply with all of the following conditions:

1. No political sign shall be placed within the right-of-way of any state highway.

2. No political sign shall be placed within the easement or right-of-way or on or over any portion of a county maintained road.

3. No political sign shall impair traffic safety, sight distance, or traffic flow on any county maintained road, privately maintained county easement, or state highway.

4. No political sign shall be placed on county property.

5. No political sign shall be placed sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled election.

6. All political signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after the election.

7. No individual political sign shall be larger than thirty-two (32) square feet.

8. Political signs shall contain no outline tubing, flashing lights, or moving parts.

9. These standards shall apply to all political signs throughout Mariposa County, including in planning areas, unless there are specific standards established for political sign in the adopted area plan for a planning area.

**Section III:**

**17.148.010 Definitions of terms and phrases.**

The following terms and phrases shall be used in this title and are listed alphabetically:

**Sign, political:**

A sign which is intended to encourage a particular vote in a scheduled election. Also known as a "temporary political sign" pursuant to Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act (Business & Professions Code).

**Section IV:** This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after final passage pursuant to Government Code Section 25123.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010, by the following vote:


AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, CANN, ALLEN

NOES: NONE

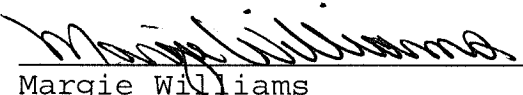
ABSTAINED: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

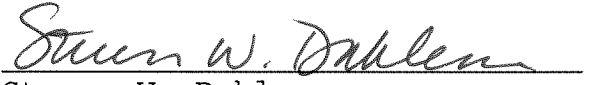
NOT VOTING:                      NONE

  
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Kevin Cann, Chair  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

  
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Margie Williams  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Steven W. Dahlem  
County Counsel