

1 [Construction Site Sign Requirements]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Traffic Code Section 33.1 and Public Works**
4 **Code Section 724.3 relating to sign and placard requirements at construction sites.**

5 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
6 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
7 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
8 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

8 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

9 Section 1. Section 1. Article 3 of the San Francisco Traffic Code is hereby amended by
10 amending Section 33.1, to read as follows:

11 SEC. 33.1. VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROHIBITED
12 OR RESTRICTED IN CERTAIN CASES.

13 Whenever any public or private construction work is likely to interfere with the
14 normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or parking, the Director of Parking and Traffic is
15 authorized to issue a permit instituting such temporary traffic-control and parking regulations
16 as may be necessary during the construction period, to safeguard and expedite the flow of
17 vehicular or pedestrian traffic and parking.

18 Signs ~~which shall include a contact person and telephone number for information~~
19 ~~regarding the reasons for the restrictions and/or pavement painting, as necessary,~~ shall be placed to
20 inform the public of the temporary regulations. ~~The contact person shall be available to respond to~~
21 ~~inquiries during business hours.~~ Signs shall be posted every 20 linear feet of occupied space with at
22 least one sign at each end of the occupied space. Signs shall contain the following information: the
23 effective dates and times of the permit; the permit number; the Department of Public Works' street
24 space hotline telephone number; and notice that if the Public Works Code requires an on-site placard,
25 additional information about the permit may be found on the placard. No person shall stop, park or

1 leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, on any street where the
2 Department of Parking and Traffic has erected or caused to be erected appropriate signs
3 giving a minimum of 72 hours' notice of the effective dates and times of any temporary
4 parking prohibition, provided that this Section shall not apply to a vehicle when such vehicle is
5 actually engaged in making delivery or pickup of construction materials being used at the site
6 of the construction work that necessitated issuance of the permit.

7 For any sign which is posted and not in compliance with this Section, the temporary
8 parking restrictions shall not be effective, and the Department of Parking and Traffic shall not
9 cite or tow vehicles at these locations. When a vehicle is removed from a street at the request
10 of a permittee pursuant to this Section and a post-storage hearing determines that as a result
11 of the permittee's improper posting of the required signs, reasonable grounds did not exist for
12 removal, the responsible permittee shall reimburse the City and County of San Francisco for
13 the cost incurred in storage and towing. If a permittee fails to provide reimbursement or to
14 agree to assume all liability for any improper posting future requests by that permittee for
15 removal of vehicles in violation of this Section shall be denied.

16 The responsible permittee shall be given timely notice of the vehicle owner's
17 request for a post-storage hearing and the time and place of such hearing.

18 This Section shall not apply to a utility or public utility, whether privately, municipally,
19 or publicly owned, as defined by State law, nor shall it apply to vehicles of cable television
20 services, when the utility or cable television provider undertakes emergency repairs to utility or
21 cable facilities necessary for the preservation and maintenance of public utility or cable
22 television services.

23 Section 2. Article 15, Section 724.3 of the Public Works Code is hereby amended to
24 read as follows:

25 SEC. 724.3. PLACARDS AND SIGNS.

1 (a) **Placards.** A permittee shall display a placard at the site subject to a street
2 space occupancy permit. The placard shall be mounted on the exterior of the fronting
3 property, or where the site is vacant or it is impractical to mount the placard on the fronting
4 property, the permittee may attach the placard on a post, pole, wall, or other object. A
5 permittee shall mount the placard in a location where members of the public can easily read
6 the required information but cannot tamper with the placard. The permittee shall mount the
7 placard 72 hours in advance of the occupancy authorized in the permit, shall keep the placard
8 posted for the entire term of the permit, and shall remove it immediately upon termination of
9 the permit. All information contained on the placard shall be legible. The placard shall
10 contain the following information: name of the permittee, a telephone number where the
11 permittee can be reached during the hours of the permit, the duration of the permit including
12 start and stop dates and hours of use, a geographic description of the street space occupied
13 under the permit, the permit number, and the Department's street space hotline telephone
14 number. The Department shall provide a placard to each permittee. It shall be the
15 responsibility of the permittee to insert the required information, mount the placard, and
16 ensure proper maintenance of the placard. If any required information on a placard must be
17 modified, the permittee shall obtain a new placard rather than change the information on the
18 existing placard. If the Director follows the procedures set forth in Section 724.4(b), he or she may
19 waive or modify the provisions of this subsection as they pertain to a particular types of permitted
20 activities.

21 (b) **Signs.** Signs ~~containing the same information as required for placards~~ shall be
22 posted every 20 linear feet of occupied space with at least one sign at each end of the
23 occupied space. Signs shall contain the following information: the effective dates and times of the
24 permit; the permit number; the Department of Public Works' street space hotline telephone number;
25 and notice that if the Public Works Code requires an on-site placard, additional information about the

1 permit may be found on the placard. The permittee shall post signs 72 hours in advance of the
2 occupancy authorized in the permit and remove such signs upon termination of the permit. A
3 permittee must maintain signs during the entire term of occupancy and during the hours
4 specified in the permit. If any information required on a sign must be modified, the permittee
5 shall install new signs rather than change the information on the existing sign. If signs are
6 removed, modified, or altered in any way, it shall be the permittee's responsibility to install
7 new signs containing the required information.

8 (c) **Good neighbor policy.** Notwithstanding the above, if a permittee does not
9 require use of the permit area for all hours covered by the permit, the permittee shall allow
10 members of the public to park vehicles in legal parking spaces. Rules governing the good
11 neighbor policy shall be developed pursuant to Section 724.4(b).

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