

# Los Angeles Municipal Code

## §14.4.17 - Temporary Signs on Temporary Construction Walls and on Solid Wood Fences Surrounding Vacant Lots

Selected permit and site-eligibility excerpts, formatted for landlord review

### **A. Permit required**

“A valid building permit for a sign, issued by the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) ... shall be required to place and maintain a temporary sign on a temporary construction wall ... or on a fence of solid wood or similar material surrounding a vacant lot.”

### **Vacant-lot eligibility**

For a sign on a fence surrounding a vacant lot, the initial application requires that “There are no buildings or uses of land on the lot.”

## **What this means**

This pathway is not a blanket authorization for any property. The site must qualify, and the City permit process must be completed before installation. Outdoor Canvas evaluates site eligibility and coordinates the required process.

## **Source and status**

Official online source: [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los\\_angeles/latest/lapz/0-0-0-24007](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lapz/0-0-0-24007). This is a reading aid containing selected excerpts from the current online code page, not an official City-issued PDF or legal advice. Check the linked source and applicable City requirements before relying on it.

# Key limits and conditions

Highlighted provisions from §14.4.17

## Area

The combined sign area may not exceed **8 square feet for each foot of street frontage**. Individual signs may not exceed **250 square feet**; grouped signs may form a maximum 250-square-foot sign area.

## Time limit for vacant-lot fences

A permit for a temporary sign on a solid-wood or similar fence around a vacant lot remains valid for **one year, or as long as the lot remains vacant, whichever is less**. The section limits the total period through subsequent permits.

## Height and location

Signs may only be placed to a maximum height of **8 feet**. The temporary-sign route is limited to lots in a **commercial, industrial, or RAS zone**.

## Practical takeaway

Site qualification is part of the service. A property owner does not need to navigate this alone, but City approval, permit timing, and site-specific conditions still apply.

# Ongoing responsibilities

Important permit conditions for construction walls and vacant-lot fences

## **Notice, records, and reporting**

The section requires a visible City notice placard, notification to the Office of Community Beautification and Council District Office, a copy of the owner/sign-company contract, and periodic cleanup reporting for the duration of the permit.

## **Maintenance and nuisance abatement**

The sign company and property owner have responsibilities to keep specified public property and rights-of-way free of graffiti, illegal postings, trash, debris, rubbish, and weeds within the applicable abatement area. Noncompliance can affect permit status.

## **Outdoor Canvas commitment**

Outdoor Canvas manages the advertising program, installation, maintenance coordination, and agreed project costs. Final responsibilities, compensation, and operating details are set out in the site-specific agreement and remain subject to the applicable permit and City requirements.

## **Read the complete current code**

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