



City of Carson  
Planning Division  
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Fee: \$30.00

## Residential Open House Sign Permit Application

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- No off-site open house sign shall be displayed prior to obtaining an open house sign permit.
- A permit must be obtained per property sold, and is valid for seven (7) days from the effective date of the permit.
- Applicants may obtain permits in advance for multiple open houses if they want but have to pay for each one.
- No open house sign permit shall be construed to permit any violation of the provisions of this Section, or of any other applicable provision of the Carson Municipal Code

### Violations of these requirements shall be subject to the following penalties within a calendar year:

- Any applicant or company found in violation of the general requirements may have their ability to display off-site open house signs suspended.

### Violations of these requirements shall be subject to the following civil fines within a calendar year:

- \$50.00 for the first violation; \$75.00 for the second violation; and \$100 for the third and any subsequent violation.
- Fines shall be payable within 30 days of issuance. Late payment shall incur a late penalty equal to the amount of the fine. The failure of any person, within 60 days of the date of issuance of a fine, to pay the fine and any applicable late penalty, may result in the matter being referred to the Director of Finance to file a claim with the Small Claims Court. Alternatively, the City may pursue any other legal remedy to collect the civil fines. The City may also recover its collections costs according to proof.

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date(s): Start: \_\_\_\_\_ End: \_\_\_\_\_

Text on Sign(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Sign(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the general requirements above and agree to comply.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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<input type="checkbox"/> Denied by _____ Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved. Stamp below:

## Regulations and Restrictions

1. Real estate advertising signs shall be removed from the premises at the close of escrow.
2. On-Site open house signs. Open house signs placed on the property that is for sale are subject to the following regulations:
  - a) One (1) on-site open house sign, not to exceed three (3) square feet in area and not to exceed three (3) feet in height, shall be permitted.
  - b) Open house signs shall be placed on-site only during the hours that an open house is occurring at the property advertised, and at which the seller or his/her representative is present; provided that on-site open house signs shall only be placed on-site on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
  - c) No open house signs shall be placed so as to obstruct pedestrians' and motorists' view of signs erected by a local, state, or federal governmental agency, including but not limited to traffic signs, public directional signs, parking signs, and street address signs.
  - d) No open house signs shall be placed so as to obstruct or hinder sidewalk or street access by pedestrians and vehicles.
  - e) No open house signs shall be placed so as to obstruct ingress and egress to any public or private property.
  - f) Open house signs shall not be designed or constructed to cause undue distraction to motorists. For example, signs shall not be illuminated, either internally or externally, shall not have flashing lights, shall not have any moving parts, shall not generate any source sounds (including radio waves), and shall not release steam or smoke.
  - g) Open house signs shall be subject to any other reasonable restrictions, or modifications to the above restrictions, which the Community Development Director finds are necessary to further the purposes of this code, consistent with the type of sign or business.
3. Off-site open house signs. Open house signs on private property that is not the property for sale are subject to all of the following limitations:
  - a) Signs shall not be permanently affixed but should be anchored or weighed down to prevent them from falling or being blown into the street or sidewalk.
  - b) The purpose of the sign is limited to indicating in which direction potential buyers or customers should proceed to locate the open house.
  - c) Off-site open house signs may only be placed on private property, subject to the property owner's permission.
  - d) Consistent Section 9167.3(E) and 5316 of the Carson Municipal Code, open house signs may not be placed in the public right-of-ways or be placed in, posted, or affixed to any public property or structures, which shall include, but not be limited to city-owned or city-run facilities, including parking areas, sidewalks, public parks, medians, parkways, streets, utility poles, light or traffic light poles, traffic signs or traffic sign poles, or street trees.

- e) No more than two (2) off-site open house signs per property for sale are permitted.
- f) A distance of 500 feet or more is required between individual open house signs on the same street, which purpose is to direct persons to a particular address or property. This limitation does not apply to signs that pertain to different properties for sale.
- g) The background sign area of an open house sign shall be no larger than three (3) square feet.
- h) All open house signs shall not exceed three (3) feet in height, measured from the highest street grade in contact with the sign to the top of the sign.
- i) No open house signs shall be placed so as to obstruct pedestrians' and motorists' view of signs erected by local, state, or federal governmental agency, including but not limited to traffic signs, public directional signs, parking signs, and street address signs.
- j) No open house signs shall be placed so as to obstruct or hinder sidewalk or street access by pedestrians and vehicles.
- k) No open house signs shall be placed so as to obstruct ingress and egress to any public or private property.
- l) Open house signs shall be placed off-site only during the hours that an open house is occurring at the property advertised on the sign, and at which the seller or his/her representative is present; provided that open house signs for each property for sale shall only be placed off-site on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
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- n) Open house signs shall be subject to any other reasonable restrictions, or modifications to the above restrictions, which the Community Development Director finds are necessary to further the purposes of this code, consistent with the type of sign or business.
- o) No off-site open house sign shall be erected prior to obtaining an open house sign permit. A permit must be obtained per property sold and is valid for seven (7) days from the effective date of the permit. Permits will be issued by the director upon request and may be subject to a permit fee as determined by City Council resolution. No open house sign permit shall be constructed to permit any violation of the provisions of this Section, or of any other applicable provision of the Carson Municipal Code.