

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

DATE: July 1, 1987

TO: Councilmember Judy McCarty via Citizens  
Assistance

FROM: City Attorney

SUBJECT: Legal Size Requirements for Portable Temporary  
"No Parking" Signs

In a memorandum dated May 27, 1987 you asked whether the City's signs used in the enforcement of temporary "no parking" zones are legally binding. You noted that California Vehicle Code section 22507.6 states, in part, that temporary "no parking" signs must be at least 17 inches by 22 inches with letters at least an inch in height. The signs in question measured 12 inches by 18 inches and were affixed to tripods measuring 16 inches by 19 inches.

The pertinent provisions of California Vehicle Code section 22507.6 are as follows:

. 22507.6. Local regulation; street sweeping;  
commercial vehicles; signs

Local authorities may, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit or restrict the parking or standing of vehicles on designated streets or highways, or portions thereof, for the purpose of street sweeping. . . . No such ordinance or resolution shall be effective until the street or highway, or portion thereof, has been sign-posted in accordance with the uniform standards and specifications of the Department of Transportation, or local authorities have caused to be posted in a conspicuous place at each entrance to the street a notice not less than 17 inches by 22 inches in size, with lettering not less than one inch in height.

Section 22507.6 allows local authorities two sign-posting options in regulating the parking of vehicles for the purpose of street sweeping. The option noted in your memorandum requires posting of signs not less than 17 inches by 22 inches in size with lettering not less than one inch in height. The alternate option requires the streets or highways to be sign-posted in accordance with the uniform standards and specifications of the Department of Transportation.

The attachments, memoranda from the State of California, Department of Transportation, show that the portable temporary "no parking" signs used by The City of San Diego comply with the uniform standards and specifications of the Department of Transportation which specifies a 12 inch by 18 inch sign size. Such signs provide adequate notice for enforcement of parking violations.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

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Attachments

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