

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY FOR DECORATIVE DISPLAYS ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABINETS

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) oversees the display of decorative designs on the exterior of traffic signal cabinets purchased and maintained by the City of Los Angeles. Displays are limited to signal cabinets located on public right of ways, excluding railroad crossings and locations restricted by safety regulations contained in the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Prior to installation, the proposed decorative design, locations and duration for display must be approved by the appropriate City Council Office responsible for the district area. The Council Office must subsequently forward the request to the LADOT General Manager or his/her designee for final review and approval. Final approval will be based on compliance with safety regulations and impacts on the functionality of the signal cabinet. LADOT will notify the Council Office of its final approval or concerns within 3 business days.

All decorative displays must use environmentally preferred paints or adhesives with low volatile organic compounds. The décor may not puncture, etch, bend or otherwise alter the dimensions and integrity of the traffic signal cabinet. Additionally, the display must not cover or obstruct cabinet air vents, door handles, key holes, hinges, and seams.

The City has the right to reject any display that contains language or images that:

- infringe upon a registered trademark, patent or copyright;
- advertise for a financial benefit or commercial purpose;
- resemble a traffic control device or regulatory sign;
- contain reflective material, mirrors, or causes a glare;
- campaign for specific legislation, or the election or recall of a public official;
- promote violence, nudity, illegal drugs, deviant behavior or an illegal activity;
- portray acts deemed obscene, vulgar, profane, or scatological;
- denigrate a specific group based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, or sexual orientation;
- denigrate the military, law enforcement, fire rescue and support, government services, or public officials;
- denigrate animals or any living creature protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

The decorator will be responsible for all costs associated with the installation, repair, replacement or removal of a display. If any damage is caused to the exterior of a signal cabinet as the direct result of the decorator's installation or maintenance of the display, the decorator will be responsible for the costs necessary to restore the cabinet to a functional condition.

The decorator may be instructed to remove a display from any traffic signal cabinet at the direction of City Council, City Council Office responsible for the district area or LADOT (upon advance notice to City Council or appropriate Council Office). Removal shall take place within 24 hours from the time of notification. If the decorator fails to comply with the removal instruction, the City may remove the display and seek cost reimbursement from the decorator.