

City Council Resolution No. 6157

Resolution Prohibiting Sign Posting on the City-Owned Grass Strip Located on the South Side of Bodega Avenue Between Ragle Avenue South and Valley View Drive

Whereas, in 1998 the City of Sebastopol City Council approved a policy allowing the posting of non-profit organization event signs for limited time periods on the City-owned grass strip located on the south side of Bodega Avenue between Ragle Avenue South and Valley View Drive; and

Whereas, in the years since, persons have periodically posted commercial signs in the area; some non-profits have posted non-event signs; often posters have placed signs far in advance of events or have not removed signs after the event; sometimes posters place signs in the 'prohibited zones' at either end of the area near intersections; sometimes posters have not removed sign posts; and the number of signs posted at times seems excessive; and

In addition to the need for enforcement and removal related to the Council policy, the signs have created maintenance issues for the Public Works Department. Mowing is made problematic when numerous signs are posted; and mower blades have been broken by sign posts, impacting maintenance and creating a safety concern; and

Through the years the City has received some community complaints about sign clutter in the area, and at recent public meetings members of the public suggested the area no longer be used for event sign posting.

Now, therefore, given these considerations, the City Council hereby rescinds the prior policy allowing the posting of non-profit organization signs in the subject area, and prohibits such sign posting. Regulatory signs and official signs of the City of Sebastopol are exempt from this policy.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED, APPROVED, and RESOLVED this 19th day of September, 2017.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Gurney, Hinton, Vice Mayor Slayter and Mayor Glass

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

APPROVED: _____



Mayor Una Glass

ATTEST:



Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney