City of Huntington Beach

Real Estate Open House Sign Regulations

Community Development Department

Our Goal

To ensure a safe and beautiful environment, the City of Huntington Beach has established regulations for temporary placement of real estate open house signs in the public right-of-way.

FAQ's

Example of improper sign placement

Q1: How many open house signs can I have?

A: One open house sign may be placed on the subject property and one at the immediate points of access to the residential tract from an arterial highway (see Arterial Highway Map on reverse).

Q2: Where can I put open house signs?

A: One open house sign may be placed on the subject property and ONE sign may be placed at the immediate points of access to the residential tract from arterial highway (see arterial Highway Map). Only one sign is permitted on each access point off an arterial highway. It can be on either side of the street, but only ONE.

The sign may not create a traffic or safety hazard. Signs may not be placed in street medians, dividers, on street signs, traffic control devices, telephone poles, fire hydrants, or obstruct the public right-of-way including sidewalk.

Example of proper sign placement

Q3: If I have multiple listings in the same neighborhood, can I post more signs?

A: Yes, if the listings are located on different streets in the same neighborhood. *All other location requirements under question 2 apply*. See example on reverse

Q4: How close can open house signs be to each other?

A: Only one open house sign can be placed at the immediate points of access to the property along each arterial highway.

Q5: Can I attach signs to utility poles?

A: Signs may NOT be affixed to utility poles, trees, traffic control devices, or obstruct the public right-of-way. **Signs may not create traffic or safety hazards.**

Q6: What is the maximum size for real estate/open house signs?

A: Real Estate sign located on the subject property is limited to maximum 8 sq. ft. and 6 ft. in height. Open House signs are limited to max 6 sq. ft. and 4 ft. in height.

Q7: How long can the signs be left up?

A: **Open House Signs** can be installed in the morning and must be removed by sunset each day.

Penalties for Violation:

Any sign in violation of these regulations may be removed or confiscated by the City.

Real estate signs that are confiscated by the City will only be held for 10 days. The real estate agent or company can recover the signs at the City Public Works yard located at 17371 Gothard St. Real estate open house directional signs that are not recovered within 10 days from the date of confiscation shall be disposed of at the discretion of the City of Huntington Beach.

Violations of these regulations may result in a citation with fines starting at $250 up to $1000 per violation and $135 for each sign removed.

Continued violations may result in additional enforcement action.

Additional Questions?

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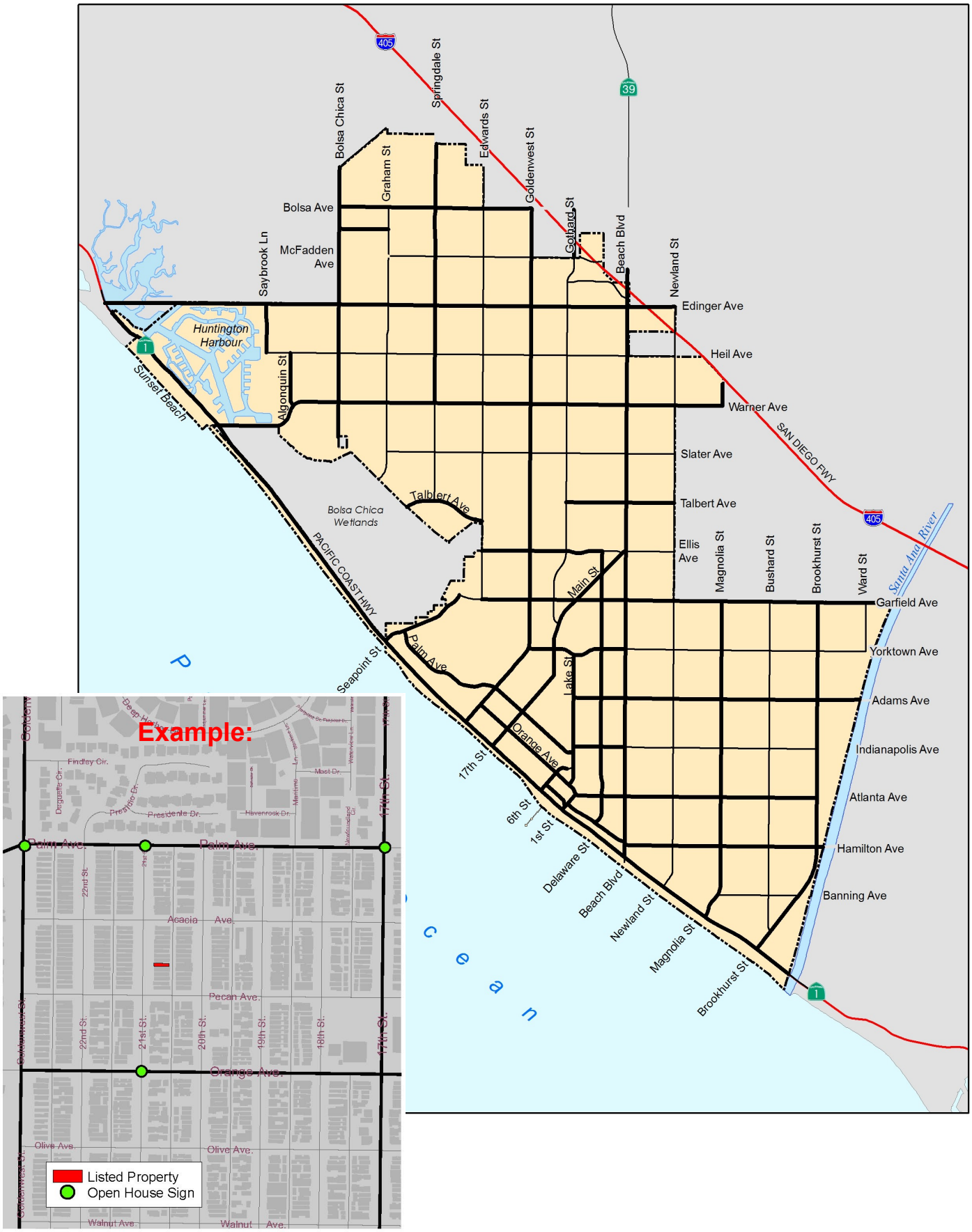
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