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## Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/11 09:50

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I am sick and tired of seeing all the A-Frame signs uglying up the greenery around town, and along the sidewalks, pink and green Heritage Furniture signs up and down all the main roads. If it isn't Heritage its another furniture store. Some of those A-Frame sign are 3 and 4 feet high. Come on now! What makes those businesses think they are more special to get free advertising? It is against city ordinances to have those signs there and it makes Tracy look trashy.

Talk about ugly, what about the abandon grocery carts. Who's responsible for keeping them off the sidewalks and streets when people steal them to take their food home in. I saw three purple ones today.

One more thing. Those of you that start having your garage sales and put 15 or 20 signs all over the place, I hope you have the decency to get them off all the poles that you put them on. Which is illegal too by the way.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by valleymom - 2008/02/11 14:52

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Hey I thought I was the only person complaining about that!Garage sale signs definitely annoying. Free advertising for the idiots that stick those signs in the ground! really make the town look DIRTY! Our city leaders should get out of their office and look around town, not just at (pathetic)downtown!:blink:

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/11 15:06

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The reason why all that stuff is not being done is because there are only two code enforcement employees for all of Tracy. They do not have enough employees for that department to keep up with all the little violations in town so if you call and complain it is the last on the list.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by JimF - 2008/02/12 02:58

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If everyone who is angry and frustrated with these ugly signs would get out of the car and kick one over or yank it out of the ground and deposit it in a nearby dumpster, the city would look better and they would feel better!  
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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/12 09:38

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JimF,

I know that sounds like a great idea and of course I thought of it myself. My connection tells me that because those signs have value that it could become a problem for the person doing the throwing away. Garage sale signs however are a different thing all together. Ya, rip those off. Even take them to the police dept. and complain if there is an address on it. The right thing to do for the other signs would be to start a campaign of complaining to code enforcement. Phone 831-6404 and leave a message. The point is we do not have enough code enforcement in comparison to other cities of the same size. That is why you see all the junk around town, Garbage, tires on the sides of the road, mattresses, etc.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/17 00:16

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I would really like to hear what other people think about the signs and other eye sores. Now we have the signs going up for the military moms but I think they will look clean and sharp where as all these other ones are blowing in the wind, ugly colors and an ugly sight to see not to mention how many they put out there. Heritage is sure taking a long time going out of business. I think it is a sales tactick. And remember, this nice weather will bring out those taped on, stapled on garage sale signs, and a-frame signs anytime now.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by BRI - 2008/02/22 06:54

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not to mention the military moms got permission from the city!

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by JimmyJ - 2008/02/29 19:08

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The Military Moms sign are a whole different thing. It is patriotic and they won't be stapled or taped on which looks like a mess and hard to clean up. They should be put up on 11th street though.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by JimmyJ - 2008/02/29 19:09

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by Chris Smith - 2008/03/02 04:07

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JimF,

That doesn't sound legal or prudent.

What if one of those signs that someone kicks over because you told them to do so is legally posted then your idea turns residents into criminals.

I read on a different discussion topic that you work with Tracy's troubled kids, based on your comments here you sound like one of those troubled kids.

We don't need vandalism of property because someone doesn't like something. We have a process and now we need to get the city to follow it, or for the city to publish guidelines that residents can carefully follow to help.

Does anyone know if it is legal for residents to remove a sign from city property or private property they do not own even if is illegally posted?

Post edited by: Chris Smith, at: 2008/03/02 04:21

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by JimF - 2008/03/03 08:23

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Try me, let's see if I would be prosecuted for picking up a piece of litter on public property.

I think I am on a firm standing with a jury of my peers. If your signs are disappearing, then it is because no one wants to see them posted illegally.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/03 09:08

Check this out first JimF for your protection. I didn't start this comment section to have people act like criminals, but to start calling in these offenses.

CITY OF TRACY web site:  
Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division handles the enforcement of the City's zoning regulations and building and housing codes. Complaints received are investigated for possible violations and compliance is handled first by direct person to person visit or by telephone to discuss the violations and obtain voluntary compliance. The Code Enforcement Division also works with other city departments and outside state and county agencies.

Do you have any of the following problems in your neighborhood?

- \* Illegal home occupations and auto repair
- \* Substandard housing
- \* Construction done without permits
- \* Dangerous buildings
- \* Illegally placed signs
- \* Illegal fences

If so, the City's Office of Code Enforcement can help answer questions about property maintenance and codes as well as initiate action to enforce the ordinance and codes. Call Code Enforcement at (209) 831-6400.

Garage/Yard Sales

You may hold one garage or yard sale, not to exceed three consecutive days or two consecutive weekends for a maximum of four days, within any four month period. For more information, call the City of Tracy, Department of Development and Engineering Services, at (209) 831-4600.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by JimF - 2008/03/03 18:44

Tried them, lots of good it's done, NOT

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/04 01:20

The only thing I can say is to keep calling. I think they are understaffed there and it is a low priority. But the more complaints, the more they will realize the need for help.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/05 13:29

Chris Smith. I know if the sign is on your property, yes you can remove it. That happened to me and I took it and tossed it in the garbage. It is your property and if they didn't ask permission by all means toss it.

Be sure to call code enforcement if you are unsure.

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Public property, stop signs, signals, sidewalks, median strips, utility poles. city owned sound walls a private citizen can remove the ugly sign as long as you don't damage the poles, etc. Like those garage sale signs.

Don't take real estate signs or A frame signs.

What I thought I might do is start writing down these offensive signs and posting them here. If they can put all their info out in public then I'm sure they wouldn't mind seeing it in print.

Call code enforcement if you see people digging in your garbage or walking home with a grocery cart. Thats illegal too. Did you know the people digging in our garbages make about 50 bucks a day, each?

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by fwohler - 2008/03/06 03:08

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there are 9 or ten signs for Liberty Tax between Lowell and 9th on 11th street...then they have a sign-waiver, too, plus a martial arts company has two red a-frames in the same area, and their business is across town. When I went down to the City and asked about putting up some of the "flag" signs,they said they were illegal and could be removed. Then I was noticing how messy Tracy Blvd. was in the vicinity of Clover Rd...and decided to pay for ads in the TP...

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by Amadeo 88 - 2008/03/06 03:59

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To be included among the unwanted practices we see around town are the signs taped (for sale, lost pets, etc.)on mailboxes inside developments which are I believe supposed to be maintained by the postal service.

Can the postal service authorize any of the users of those individual mailboxes to help maintain them free from litter and those unsightly signs?

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/09 03:03

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There are about 10 or 12 tires on Byron road down from Caldron's Market. I wonder if is the R and R's responsibility or the cities.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by Chris Smith - 2008/03/09 06:04

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maybenotdumBcommentT / Dave Hardesty?,

Even for a resident's own private property, I would still recommend that residents check with the city to verify that any sign they see on their private property is in fact illegal. We do have easements.

I just read the city codes and residents should never touch a sign on property they do not own without getting it in writing from the City of Tracy that they can remove explicit types of signs posted on public property and for how long.

I read a few months ago where we have some volunteers who work with the City of Tracy to remove specific types of signs. And so if you want to get involved I would suggest approaching the city and seeing if you can work these volunteers and within the written guidelines that I am hoping that have been given by the city.

And so if you want to get involved with removing potentially illegal signs, please go to the City of Tracy and get it in writing that you can do something, and have them explicitly list out what types of signs you can remove, when you can do so, and on what streets and areas. Have them tell you what is public property versus private property.

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If a sign is on private property that you do not own then I would strongly recommend not touching the sign even if it is illegal. Rather instead file a complaint with the City of Tracy, and if it doesn't get fixed within 6 months then write the Tracy Press. Don't trespass or do something that may cause you problems.

Post edited by: Chris Smith, at: 2008/03/09 06:23

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by JimF - 2008/03/09 06:32

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Chris - What action has been taken in response to past complaints? The sign posting scofflaws put em up on Friday and take them down on Sunday. They are illegal signs and is there a possibility that the city can proactively warn furniture stores and car dealerships, etc. to this illegal activity and the possible penalties?

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Ca

Posted by Chris Smith - 2008/03/09 06:51

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JimF,

For those particular signs, I would start taking digital pictures of the signs and email them to the City of Tracy. Clearly show where they are posted relative to the street and sidewalk, and state when they are posted, and ask them if they can send a letter to the store responsible for the signs. From my past experiences with DES, they probably will send the letters.

Post edited by: Chris Smith, at: 2008/03/09 07:07

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/10 05:36

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Chris Smith,

The only signs the city puts on private property are stop signs, street signs and maybe directional signs. They do not put up advertising signs, therefore if one is in your yard without your permission you have a right to take it off. You do not have to call the city if an advertising sign or garage sale sign is on your property.

Private businesses should not put up signs on city easements.

There presently no volunteers for taking down signs for the city so that is a good idea if you want to take down signs.

Usually those furniture stores will forget some signs they have snuck up on the weekends and YES call code enforcement if you see one during the weekday.

No, I am not Dave Hardesty.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/12 10:48

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I saw 5 garage sale signs in a 7 block drive over on Tracy Blvd. They were flapping in the wind and taped to city poles. You can't read the addresses anyway so why do they put them there? The cheap flimsy paper and tape look trashy and I love the bright orangish one with such little writing you can't read it. This is mid-week and I'm sure they are over with. It is only going to get worse now that the weather is warming up. Those of you that do this, why don't you collect your signs when your garage sale is over and clean the tape off. You're all selfish and it makes Tracy look trashy. I am going to find

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out if you need special permission to pull these off since it looks as if it is OK to tape, tack or staple these signs anywhere without permission. You offenders should be ashamed of yourselves for being so lazy as to not collect them up. I bet you drive by them every day.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/14 09:04

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I think city workers have today off, tomorrow and Sunday. Someone please keep an eye on the signs and let me know what you see. I can get a hold of the right person to try and curb this. Including grocery carts. If you see someone walking off premmises with a grcery cart call the police because it is illegal. They are stealing.

If anyone has any other annoyong gripes that trash up Tracy, by all means lets add it to this list.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by valleymom - 2008/03/15 11:58

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Can I ask you a question not so much related to subject? Why is city Hall closed every other Friday? I just happened to call because the hours are not posted and heard a recorded message. Is this done in every city? Do they get paid for being off? Just wondering, I honestly do not know. Thanks in advance. In reference to garage sale signs-looks like a never ending battle-maybe they can let citizens know via city utility bill that this is not acceptable since the press is not printed daily.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/15 14:02

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City workers work 9 hours a day for 9 days in a two week period. That was to also get the city vehicles off the roads.

It has been put in the utility bills.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/16 12:57

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This surely can not be the most pressing problem facing the Great City of Tracy.

At least Bob Blinker ain't blaming it on the current City Council and promising INDEPENDENT candidates like Sunberg and Garamendi will fix it--cause they are the Fix-It Candidates

IMHO

Post edited by: IMHO08, at: 2008/03/16 12:58

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/16 19:29

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IMHO08, Who said I was blaming the city coubcil? Not me. It may not be the most pressing problems but it bothers a lot of people. Whether it bothers you is of no concern to me.

I have no idea what or how you got bob blinker and my desire to show the city of Tracy citizens who the people are that put up signs and what they are doing, bob isn't even on my mind about my crusade. Sunberg can fix it but Garamendi

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has a one track mind and she could give a hoot about the way the signs make Tracy look trashy, she only cares about her families land.

I see you were going at it to ry and be insulting on down the line. Was it a lonely night for you IMHO08. Stick to the subject at hand you're wasting valuable space and maybe you could try to make sense too.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/17 03:48

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"I see you were going at it to ry and be insulting on down the line. Was it a lonely night for you IMHO08. Stick to the subject at hand you're wasting valuable space and maybe you could try to make sense too"

Geezus Cryst, good to see others are not nearly as sophormoric as I. Sorry that I am new to the Forum and not realizing ya were voted the Czar. I thought this was an open forum to share and exchange thoughts and not worship carved images. Oh Golden Goat, did you not learn in Kindergarten to ignore?

Eat Broken Meat

IMHO

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Oh, the reference to our other Carved Image BB was about him (her or it) and not about the Golden Goat :P

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/17 09:08

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No one said it was a pressing problem in Tracy, however it is a problem. I see the citizens of Tracy are very interested in all these little sidebar issues and I'm saying we don't have enough city workers to take care of it all.

IMHO08,this statement or any reference too is no where on this forum: "At least Bob Blinker ain't blaming it on the current City Council and promising INDEPENDENT candidates like Sunberg and Garamendi will fix it--cause they are the Fix-It Candidate". So this has nothing to do with ugly advertising, etc.

Forum, assembly for public discussion. And since you are new to this we stick to the subject we write about here. As for the comment section we all try to do the same thing. Respect with a few insults thrown in here and there, get it now. If you did then you may go the first grade.

IMHO08, take a page out of valleymoms and try not to be so rude

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/17 15:59

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Criminey, Preacher Roe, suggest ya follow your own solid advise. Be a stand-up citizen, lead by example and for the sake of the fallen angel, don't lower yourself.

Sorry for breaking your Ten Commandments

And could ya please pluck the Bob Blinker feather outta ya arse! You're kinda buggin' me

Stay on topic

Snuggle up to Valleymoms and read her Good Book

And let other folk have their say even if it doesn't jive with your style, stroke your butt and tickle your gonads

What was the question??

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Holy Sweet Geezus I need some green beer B)  
Happy St. Pat's day!

IMHO

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/19 18:42

Poor IMHO gets his/her feelings hurt and tries to lash out; name calling, innuendos and stupid insults.

Anyway back to the subject. From Tracy Blvd, down Grantline, I saw lots of A-Frames uglying up the place. and then Tracy Blvd. to 205 are another whole bunch of A-Frames. Come on folks, you know they aren't suppose to be there. Are you a bunch of babies that need to be told all the time to get rid of them?!!! The A-Frames look slummy!!! You businesses think you're getting left out but you have a sign on the building, right. TAKE those A-Frames down. I will be calling on them in a couple days or better yet write down each and every A-Frame name and hand it in person to the correct people.

Here come the garage sale signs. UGLY and lazy people that don't go back and get them. You all make other people do it while you drive by and watch.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/20 14:10

QUEER

The AMAZN AZZN pretty much said the same thing. You two been hanging out or somethun'? She had a pretty wry smile when asked ;)

Although you could not resist your humanly temptations, I completely appreciate getting back to regularly scheduled programming B)

IMHO

Post edited by: IMHO08, at: 2008/03/20 14:11

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/20 16:53

Tomorrow will be a day to see the garage sale signs even tho it's easter weekend. Warm weather and a few bucks for easter, Saturday would be a great day for a spontaneous sale. I think we will go for a Sunday drive on Saturday and check it out. Lets all start complaining. See what gets done.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/21 02:43

Dang, you were not kidding when called this a "crusade"

I guess one should be admired for their convictions and passions.

btw, a great many folk will not be celebrating Easter Sunday, so let them sell junk (in lieu of eating cake).

Not too many garage sales in the 'hood, but when walking the Super Dog Beaver, I usually pluck down old signs. Seems

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we could form a little fraternity, clean this city up while both man and beast become more healthy.

Would beat bitchen about things and demanding gvmt fix every lil problem. March On Christian Soldiers

IMHO

Post edited by: IMHO08, at: 2008/03/21 02:44

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/21 07:12

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It's not just signs remember. But thats what I do on my walks, take off a sign thats at least a month old. To bad the tape is heat sealed onto the poles. Probably need some pliers to get those ones that are stapled in. WHY does it take 10 staple to put up a sign. One that shouldn't be there anyway.

Oh, and the person that keeps leaving the grocery cart on Alden Glen, I hope someone turns you in. Theft of a cart.

You know the old saying, if everyone gave a penny....

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/22 03:19

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Ya knows, this thread is really starting to way too much dominate my over dominated life. So, me and the Super Dog Beaver are walking the streets of downtown this early AM. Every dang window has a sign for Relay for Life, LunaFest or some minimally important shindig at the Big Baby Bottle. And before ya take aim at my pestacios, I am not knocking RFL. It looks like a great community event. We participated last year and had a wonderful time. I have lost both friend and family to some cancer disease. But all those signs cluttering up the windows, hung helter/skelter-like with tape sprawled all over the place is just too much schutz. It is visually displeasing. Seriously, how many time do we need to be reminded of an event. Worst yet are the signs still hanging for shows or events that occurred a month past. Makes me want to do a public service and just yank the politically correct graffeti down. The owner of Gigi's had it right. He provided a place INSIDE his business to put up signs and what not while leaving his windows to be just that--windows instead of glass bulletin boards. Then again, he's outta business. No correlation here I am sure.

IMHO

Post edited by: IMHO08, at: 2008/03/22 03:21

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/23 05:32

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On my way to Home Depot yesterday I saw a garage sale, low and behold, by the time I came home it was over with but yet the bright pink signs were still all over the neighborhood. I only saw 4 of them but I have to go out today and out of curiosity I am wondering if the sale is still going for the die hard people looking for a bargain. I really want to see if the signs are still there, not if the sale is still going, Cypress Drive resident, please pick up your signs when it's over with. Sorry, didn't see the address.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/23 05:34

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Forgot to tell you all about the red grocery cart, tipped over on Corral Hollow and Lincoln Blvd.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/23 17:11

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maybenot, funny but me and the AMAZN AZZN were chomping on a few fish tacos near the Home D Sat as well. If I knews you were there, I would have asked you to join us.

So, during our carnivorous celebration, AA points at a pizza joynt across the way and sez the owner is one of the folk on this thread. Really? I reply. Yup! He's the guy propogating stealing signs. Then her eyes get so big as to distort their naturally beautiful almond shape. Ready for this? What? He's part of a crime-fighting group as she chortles to the Gods and fish juice dribbles down her chin. :lol: This is why I love her so. NO SCHUTZ I chortle back. :ohmy: SCHUTZ! :laugh: So as we head back to be with the Super Dog Beaver and The Wonder Kitty, she takes us on a circuitous route so to show me not one but two pizza advertising-type signs on the side walks :ohmy:

Not one to be a rumor monger, but is this true?  
And if so, WTH???? :evil:

IMHO

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/23 17:58

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Darn. I was driving on the other side and you know how traffic can be. Even tho those signs are illegal I wouldn't, touch em. They have been told about their signs and they think they are oh so more important then any body in that shopping mall there besides them, and you know what it would look like if all the businesses put up signs? Ya, no place to walk and then most likely violating numerous codes and one being for the inaccessibility's of the handicap to ride on the sidewalk of worse yet, to even get up on the sidewalk after crossing the street.

AMAZIN AZZN hmmm? Sounds like she knows a lot about things. Ask her whats the difference between two signs and four signs beside the obvious(two). Why so many signs?

I bet the ordinance is too easy on these guys and the DA doesn't have the will to fight them, the offenders, including the thieving grocery cart snatchers, get away with it. Something about not intending to steal the cart even tho it says it is illegal to take them right on the thing.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Ca

Posted by JimF - 2008/03/24 04:19

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This is a riot, I didn't realize so many knew so much about me. I guess all publicity is good publicity.

Regarding my signs, I have reviewed city codes and believe them to be legal, as I remove them nightly. And I will not be putting pizza ads on every residential corner in Tracy.

From <http://ordlink.com/codes/tracy/index.htm>  
10.08.4460(g)

(g) Temporary signs.

(1) Maximum height: Not to exceed the roof line of the nearest building or the building affixed to, but in no case higher than thirty (30') feet.

(2) Maximum area: 300 square feet.

(3) Calculation of area for businesses: One-half square foot of sign area for each lineal foot of building frontage of business to which the sign pertains.

(4) Permitted zones: MO, POM, CS, CBD, GHC. M-1, M-2 and HS.

(5) Sign permit needed: No.

(6) Calculation of area for nonprofit organizations: No criteria.

- (7) Permitted time: Temporary signs may not be utilized for more than thirty (30) days.
- (8) Exceptions: These provisions shall not apply to temporary activity signs as set forth in section 10.08.4476(d).

IMHO, I would love to meet you and AA in person to discuss our mutual interests. If you like to eat foods other than fish tacos, I would like to treat you to a 2 for 1 pizza offer tonight at my place.

Post edited by: JimF, at: 2008/03/24 04:50

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/24 04:39

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For now JimF, I will reiterate,"If everyone put out signs what a mess it would be. Tripping all over signs on the sidewalks but you are more important aren't you then your neighboring business person.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by MM8765 - 2008/03/24 14:39

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Agreed - a lot of downtown looks shoddy with all the junk in the windows. The shopowners want to be part of the community, but they end up looking like run-down junk shops.

And back to the sidewalk signs - they are NOT LEGAL in Tracy, EXCEPT for downtown, which was granted an exception (why is another issue).

I personally had a lot of difficulty getting around two fallen signs that ALWAYS are there, IN THE CROSSWALK, and BLOCKING the HANDICAP ramp - at the McDonalds on 11th entering the SaveMart area.

Those are annoying. You can't get to the crosswalk button, you can ride a bike safely, and if you were in a wheelchair you'd have to get up and over the grass.

Someone, please, ENFORCE THE CODE.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/24 14:58

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The problem with the signs being 'OK' to put up in the downtown area is confusing to everyone else that is not in the D.T. area. The downtown signs get blown over and in the way too and they are ugly.

It is the lesser priority for enforcing the codes on signs and grocery carts. The DA will not prosecute so these people always get away with it. I'd like to pile them all in one area where they would be noticed. Maybe there would be a problem then. Just because the signs and grocery carts are spread all over town it seems less invasive.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Ca

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/25 02:42

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Hello Jim F

And very much thanks for a mighty fine offer. Not quite sure what all our mutual interests are other than pointing out what appears to be a kinda queer and funny contradiction--no harm no foul. The merits of your signs are not a battle for I as it shall be left to you and maybenot to hash out. The AMAZN AZZN was more caught up in incongruity of fighting crime yet propogating stealing, which lead to an uproarious laugh for both us. Although have to admit now that the proverbial cats is outta the hats; wus up with that?? :ohmy:

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As it were, the girlfriend and I chose to have fish tacos on this particular evening because of--GET THIS--a sign :cheer:

So, sumptin you wrote kinda touched me:

"This is a riot, I didn't realize so many knew so much about me. I guess all publicity is good publicity."

Friend, as a marketing professional let me convey to yus in NO uncertain terms more people than you will ever know or think know about you AND there is such a thing as bad buplicity, which you are doing very well at it. You need to put yerself and yer business in best possible lights at all times, which includes subordinating some of your thoughts and needs to be heard (The AMAZN AZZN is laughing her beautiful arse off at me and that last comment :P )

Good luck with the pitza joynt.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Ca

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/25 02:42

Post edited by: IMHO08, at: 2008/03/25 02:43

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Ca

Posted by JimF - 2008/03/25 04:26

Well there you go about mutual interests. We seem to have more than one.

I do not see anything I have done or said as propagating stealing at all, my initial comment was meant as a lighthearted response. I certainly don't advocate breaking laws. Chris Smith brought up good points about public vs. private property, and ways to facilitate removal of illegal signs posted around our fine city. I certainly don't want to pick a fight, and believe me you, I have subordinated. I think I am not taking a real controversial stance by saying these ugly little signs should be removed.

As chairman of Tracy Crime Stoppers, I am trying to help an all-volunteer organization raise funds to help the PD pay rewards which help catch felons loose on our streets. We need help from concerned citizens. Helping get rid of bad guys loose on the streets, and helping to keep the streets free of ugly little signs both have the goal of making our city a nicer place to live.

As a marketing professional, I am sure that I could benefit from your wisdom in many ways. Stop by and say hi some time.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by RoastedBean - 2008/03/25 06:24

I don't mind the signs, just as long as they are kept out of the walkway. Being a business owner, I have yet to put any A-frames out on the sidewalks. I do this out of respect of the law, but at the same time, I know that it would bring in way more business to our coffee shop. Code enforcement considers this a low priority unless you are the chevron at Grant Line and Naglee - who pays the \$100/week fine, but the sign cost ten times that amount and brings in a ton of business for them. Ugly signs - should be a no-no. Well crafted ones, I'm ok with. They are good for hard to reach areas - like the Roasted Bean coffee shop near Uncle Credit Union and Rite Aid @ West Grant Line and Corral Hallow - :whistle: Since I have no signs out, come visit us for low prices, good coffee and good food!

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/25 06:39

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RoastedBean, it doesn't matter if it is a nicely handcrafted sign, a paper thin sign worth \$1000. If it is illegal it shouldn't be there. It sounds like you are saying Code Enforcement is singling out the Chevron at Grantline and Naglee.

If you say you are not putting out a sign for the respect for the law I should hope so. It is like saying you wouldn't drink and drive out of respect for the law.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/25 08:34

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I now have a copy of the sign ordinance and it is long and of course, kind of hard to understand. Only 10 pages, and I have the grocery cart ordinance. I will type any info directly if any one has a question concerning these two subjects. It goes back and forth and I think I could easily make a mistake with any info I give but I will do my best.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/25 12:48

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Our friends at the Roasted Bean. The AMAZN AZZN and I enjoy our various treks to you fine establishment. We strongly appreciate as an independent barista you keep Sunday hours. Sadly, your other friends downtown do not follow suit. I can live with the Big Chain Brewers from Seattle, but AA has threatened (and when AA threatens it is a pretty much PROMISE)embargo of various desired services should I go there in lieu of local brewers. Some fights are worth forgoing ;)

You are a bedrock of our 'hood and with the new deli, and their seven-day commitment, I hope the dawning of a new age in the downtown mentality and business climate shall develop. We need risk takers like you staying open late and often to accommodate the working stives as well as foster a whole new mise-en-scene. I be excited at the prospects but not overly as to be counting chicken droppings quite yet

For my two bucks (okay \$3.60), I'd much rather see you place a sign at the corner and INCREASE your business then clutter and ugly your windows with community (and often outdated) propoganda. I strongly encourage you to designate an area within your establishment to the display of such graffiti to the benefit of the fundraisin 'munity as well as the ambiance of your abode.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/25 12:52

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Just hallucinating:

AREN'T THERE NOT MORE IMPORTANT THANGS 'APPENING IN THIS METROPOLIS RIGHT NOW?

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/25 13:57

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IMHO08, did you read how much the fines cost for putting a sign up. You want to bankrupt her? Stupid advice for your own selfish needs. And to advise someone to do something illegal.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/25 14:25

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I guess you never took that chill pill from tracymom chick, did ya?

I advise you directly and without confusion to take a double chill pill dosage. I also recommend a bit of adult activity--schutz works for me every time ;)

First offs, I doesn't know the fartin' sign laws and a ding-dong like yus gotz me caring less and less. Ya may consider yerself a crusading activist, but your approach and presentation are as palatable as a PETA Stormtrooper on Humbolt Gold.

Recommendation:

Take two chill pills, grab back of head and slams cranium into ice cold water for one hour then get splayed.

Secondlike, I am trustin' you dippity do's that ya knows whatcha talkin about. I read that there is no fine for signs downtown. I really don't know. So, Brutus, where is the infraction. Rest assured I am not like pizza boi advocating any illegl acts or performances of civil disillusion.

Thirdeley, I stated what I would like to see. No orders to break your Ten Commandments. "I'd much rather see" No orders or call to arms. I am in favor of signs and not nearly as offened as you and yours. Respect your perspective and misguided intensity, but most folk get a pay check cause other folk are selling and marketing. I think local business folk should have the right and advantages of branding their names and identifying their wares within reason (that I don't have ten pages or much more consciousness to get into--nor much desire.)

Ya still gotz that Bob Blinker feather up your arse, huh? Either pull that fritter out or continue to walk funny.

I need a neck rub

IMHO

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/25 15:30

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IMHO08, which is not humble, does not ruffle my feathers. I'm a patient person and you can name call or whatever the big joke you are, all you want. I don't care. You flip flop. I see a lot of interest in this subject so again I think you are a show off thats all. By the way you talk I know you are hiding who you really are and don't like me, I don't care either. No signs allowed, No grocery cart stealing allowed. It is illegal. And the people that put signs up are selfish and the people that steal the carts and push them down the street in front of someone else's house are selfish too.

IMHO writes, "For my two bucks (okay \$3.60), I'd much rather see you place a sign at the corner and INCREASE your business then clutter and ugly your windows with community (and often outdated) propoganda". Suggestion to violate an ordinance. However you spelled propaganda wrong.

I suggest you take some english courses. You are not funny. You look, you read, you make a comment. Not an insult.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/26 02:01

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Geezus Loardy Gawd Fartin Cryst!!!

In the words of a wise ole Owl with a cool lil kitty:

NEXT!!!

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/26 21:55

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LMHO01, I don't make fun if your comments, appreciate a little respect here.

Go to City of Tracy and under the municipal codes you will find a lot of laws. At least look, It can be confusing.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/29 22:10

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Obviously I spelled your name wrong IMHO08.

SSDD. Grantline and Tracy Blvd, to 205 freeway and Grantline itself with the A-frames, Also UPS has a sign, a huge one by the Savemart on S. Tracy Blvd. Whats with you guys? Take them down. Read the ordinances. You are in the wrong. And the weather is getting nice so here comes the garage sale signs and wouldn't it be nice to take a walk to the store get a couple bags of food and take the cart off the premises because you ended up with 6 bags instead, You know you are stealing it. I also have seen homeless with their belongings in grocery carts.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by MM8765 - 2008/03/30 08:28

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My comment about downtown was that it is LEGALLY EXEMPTED. The city council agreed to allow people in a specific area, including the roasted bean location, to put out signs as long as there's sidewalk clearance.

The decision was probably due to a councilwoman HAVING a sign out on the sidewalk - but that's besides the point.

So go ahead Bean. You won't be fined.

At least, not on 10th street.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/30 22:49

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I think you have a point there MM8765. Wait until the trees grow up and the birds find a home in those trees. the signs will be decorated with bird poo.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/03/31 13:41

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"Going out of Business" signs tied on to city trees from Clover Rd. and Tracy Blvd. on down N.Tracy Blvd. leading to a furniture store where SaveMart Grocers is. I would assume it is Heritage Furniture as usual. How long does it take for a place to go out of business? It has got to have been over a year now since I have been seeing them. They are one of the worst offenders of these cruddy looking signs.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by JimmyJ - 2008/04/01 06:33

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mndc has a point there with the signs. Now I am seeing them all along the sidewalks.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/04 08:54

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On the corner of 11th and Tracy Blvd. there are these three little crooked signs poked in the lawn in front of the California Check Cashing Store. They have gone over their 30 days I'm sure. That intersection looks pretty nice except for those ugly signs. The lawn looks nicely mowed and they have been told to take them down. Why don't you just keep them off next time you mow.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/04 15:06

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GARAGE SALE WEEKEND! I'm going for a short ride Saturday and count them. Not all of them, but out of curiosity, I wonder how many there will be out there?

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by Gary - 2008/04/05 01:45

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Gas is \$3.57 per gallon and you want to ride around counting garage sale signs? Thats not thinking green.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/05 01:55

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Gary, I promise only to use 2 bucks worth. You don't know what kind of car I drive. How about if I promise to pick up stuff at the garage sales while I'm at it? And I will stop at the grocery store. Now did you think I would really waste my time, I never do.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by Gary - 2008/04/07 10:58

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This topic has been nothing but a waste of time. I kinda would rather hear people complain about the 'loud train whistles' when they bought a house by the tracks, or complaining about the height of the railroad tracks and when someone is walking along them they could see into their backyard.....or how electing Celeste Garamendi as Mayor will no doubt fix everything they perceive wrong with the city.....NOT!!!!!! There is alot of bong water waiting to be drank.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/07 17:11

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Gary, Sorry you feel that way but the fact is, over 2700 people have visited this sight . Some of us are sick of the messy look of Tracy. People are breaking the laws with these actions I mentioned. Quit looking at it if you think it's a waste of your time. It is one of the highest read forums, go figure. Little did I know it would draw so much interest.

I checked out those garage sale signs and it got to be to many and today a lot of them are still up. There is not enough staff with the city to take them down as it is a low priority. See, the pot houses are more important and I believe that to be

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true. My point is, there are not enough Code Enforcement Officers for Tracy and the Police don't handle these cases.

I have seen a few more offenders but will compile a list and put them all on at once if you'd like to check back later, but please don't waste your time Gary. It is here to stay.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/13 01:48

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NEW SIGN OFFENDER:

A.A.& M. Electric advertising ceiling fan installation are on Grantline and Corral Hollow in the city right of way.

UPS has this huge frame at the side entrance of SaveMart on S.Tracy Blvd.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/21 14:51

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Well I was out and about in a small area on the west side and did not see to many garage sale signs. Maybe the west side did a good job of taking down their signs but I will venture out a bit further to see what I can see.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by I2kill2 - 2008/04/22 03:54

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maybenotdumBcommenT  
Join STARS and be a part of the solution

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/22 10:42

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I am part of the solution. I'm making people aware of it. What is STARS?

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/24 09:14

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I was out and about yesterday and saw this vehicle parked on the road with two flat tires so I called city hall. They directed me to the police and they said they would tow it if that is what they find. I told them the address it was in front of and the description of the vehicle. It's gone as of today. It was parked in front of the driveway too so I suspect it belonged to the people that lived there. Thank you Tracy Police Dept. for getting to that so quickly. BTW, It was not in my neighborhood.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/26 03:26

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I saw 2 YARD SALE A-Frame signs on two corners when I was going to my friends house. One in the street and one blocking the handicap access. I counted 5 signs on the way back home, taking a different route home. There was 5 more signs. I drove to Sequoia and saw this puny little sale. There were 9 signs in all. Most of the city workers were off so no

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one to complain to. I decided not to post the address because they didn't put that on the signs. But it was some where the the 800 block of Sequoia. I am heading out again today and will check to see if the ugly signs are still there.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by concernedaa - 2008/04/27 05:02

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It is sad that all you have to with your life is checkout the yard sale signs accross town. Did you ever stop and think these people are doing everything they can to make money! Maybe they are out of work or saving their home. Yes they should take them down when they are done but who are you to judge people. Get over and find better things to talk about! Like supporting the walkers next weekend at the relay for life! THat is a great thing and I hope there will be a ton of support out there for that so maybe you should try and talk about supportive things this town is doing!

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/27 08:41

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Signs ugly up the town. I had an idea to to put it here on this forum and it gets a lot of hits. You have no idea how badly Tracy needs help with so much more blight, which everybody complains about.

Thank you for your honest comment.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by fmedc - 2008/04/27 10:06

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Sorry, have to agree with concernedaa.

The main word here is triage (to sort). Yes, there are a lot of signs around town and many are an eyesore. But with the foreclosure increase, economy problems, crime increase, high gas prices, and the unhappiness with our current government, I have to say this is a very, VERY low priority. You say you get a lot of hits on here, but where is everyone jumping on your bandwagon. Where are the positive responses? I see you making a lot of comments, but very little feedback, especially positive feedback.

Bringing it out in the open was a good thing but, hate to tell you, it is time to move on.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/04/27 11:38

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I said I would start commenting on where these signs are. I am seeing results and I know I am getting results. You can move on if you'd like. You are free to do so. BTW, I didn't give her the negative karma. It was already there by the time I read it.

Appreciate your comment.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/05/01 12:04

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To many A-Frames up and down 11th St. and N. Tracy Blvd. The garage sale signs are getting a jump on it as I see new ones popping up for the weekend. Code Enforcement does not have the man/woman power to handle these offenders.

I hardly see the grocery cart problem anymore.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/05/12 05:38

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When I left town last week there were so many raggedy signs. People have been complaining lately about it in the Tracy Press. I brought this up months ago because I knew the sign thing would hit and a lot of people would be upset over it. This is nothing new. If you want the signs down you need to complain to council members at a meeting. Get more code enforcement.

3 articles about this in the last three weeks and the signs will only get worse as it does every year.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/05/18 00:28

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I saw a sign that beat all signs today. A garage sale sign on a saw horse, like the one my Dad used. It was comical. A tiny piece of paper on this great big saw horse. Old and useless it looked to me. Of course the usual raggedy, windblown signs, that are to flimsy to read the addresses, new on top of old now.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/05/23 08:49

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I never thought there would be so many people checking this sight out. My intentions for this is to bring an awareness that our City needs help, just as the fire and police.

If you are a city employee reading this, you have my upmost respect for what you do, all depts. People bash you all the time and this is not my intent here.

I have read the Tracy Press forever and the citizens complain there are not enough to go around. I read there was a hiring freeze, I can imagine the future.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/06/09 15:26

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There are many different rules for signs. People can interpret them differently. Call to find out what kind of ordinance you need to follow. Free standing signs need permits for instance.

10.08.4560 Signs placing citizens in immediate peril or signs in public rights-of-way and/or easements.

The Building Official or his designee shall immediately cause the removal of any sign which, in the judgment of either the Community Development Director or his designee or the Chief Building Official or his designee, is found to be within the public right-of-way and/or easements or found to place citizens in immediate peril by any or a combination of the following methods, using sound judgment under the circumstances:

- (a) The removal or modification of such sign by City staff with the business owner to be billed for time and materials;
  - (b) Notification orally or in writing to the business owner causing the removal of such sign within a twenty-four (24) hour period or a lesser period of time, as prescribed by the Chief Building Official or his designee; or
  - (c) The immediate citation of the business owner or party responsible for such sign. (Prior code Â§ 10-2.3513)
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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/06/09 15:33

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## Shopping Carts

6.24.010 Findings and purpose.

Abandoned shopping carts constitute a nuisance, create potential hazards to the public health and safety and interfere with pedestrian and vehicular traffic within the City. Wrecked, dismantled and/or abandoned shopping carts on public or private property create conditions that reduce property values and promote blight and deterioration within the City's neighborhoods. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that measures are taken by cart owners to prevent the removal of shopping carts from store premises. This chapter is based in part on California Business and Professions Code section 22435 and following. (Ord. 1093 Â§ 1 (part), 2006)

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by Leiha - 2008/06/24 16:20

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I am glad there are people in our community that want to see it cleaned up.

It really honestly doesn't bother me. It takes all kinds of motivations in different areas to make a city run. I personally think that signs trash up a city and if there is a law, then it should be enforced. Those who call attention to it to me are helping out the city workers in enforcement. They can't be everywhere.

If I see graffiti I will report it asap, not move on or look the other way. This is OUR community and we need to take pride in it.

Respectfully.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/07/13 17:05

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The signs are getting out of hand again!

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by cmp6655 - 2008/07/18 14:56

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Someone should make a point of gathering up the "Garage Sale" signs that are left up after the events take place, and since they have their addresses on them, dump them all on their front yard.

All of them.

Come on people, you are so diligent in putting up the signs to raise money...be community-oriented and use the same energy to ensure Tracy doesn't become the eyesore of the valley.

Just my two cents.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/07/22 17:58

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If only it were that easy to toss the signs on their lawns. Then you'd get it for littering or something like that.

It is very hard to keep up with an issue such as signs. Nobody wants them there but at the same time who is willing to take them down because they don't like how they look, all trashy? You take one down, up pops another one right on the

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very spot the previous one was.

And then there are the A-frames, some that come with specific laws allowing it to be up for a semi-permanent amount of time.

How could the signs be kept track of for multiple offenders. I tear down the ones around my neighborhood. It is to much to ask code enforcement officers to do, with much more serious matters to get to.

Everyone take pride in your community and spiff up their own neighborhoods, keep them clean.

Thank you for responding cmp6655.

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## Re:Ugly Advertising Signs & Abandon Grocery Carts

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/09/06 22:35

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(f) Political signs.

(1) Maximum height: Six (6') feet.

(2) Maximum area: Thirty-two (32) square feet.

(3) Calculation of area: One-half square foot of sign area for each lineal foot of parcel frontage.

(4) Permitted zones: All zones.

(5) Sign permit needed: No.

(6) Installation: Signs may not be erected sooner than forty-five (45) days preceding an election or political event.

(7) Removal: Signs shall be removed within five (5) days following an election or political event.

City Ordinance supersedes State Law when State Law is less restrictive.

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