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Planning Division
Temporary Sign Permits - 2026 Update

To aid the economic recovery of businesses affected by the 2025 Palisades Fire, the allowance of temporary signs in commercial zoning districts has been expanded, pursuant to Malibu City Council Ordinance No. 534.

In addition to permanent signage approved via the City's normal Sign Permit application, businesses may apply for Temporary Sign Permits (TSPs), subject to the following criteria:

- Six (6) signs per shopping center as defined by the Malibu Municipal Code or two (2) signs per parcel for all other commercial businesses.
- Signs must be temporary and not have any permanent foundations or footings
- Signs shall not exceed 16 square feet in size
- Signs shall not be illuminated unless authorized by the Community Development Director
- Approved temporary signs shall be removed by May 31, 2027, upon the expiration of Ordinance No. 534.

The Community Development Director may impose TSP conditions to protect against the sign creating a nuisance or to increase the safety of the sign.

Applications for temporary sign permits can be submitted in person at the Planning Counter, or remotely via MPlanning@MalibuCity.org. Submittals require a completed **Uniform Application**, a set of **plans**, and a processing **fee of $499.00**. Plans must show proposed sign location(s), total sign area, sign content, sign height, and installation type. Applications requiring plan corrections may be subject to additional processing fees. Revisions to previously approved TSPs shall be submitted as a new application, superseding the prior approval.

For inquiries, please contact Planning staff at MPlanning@MalibuCity.org or at 310-456-2489, extension 485.