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Guidelines For "Parking Regulation Signs" in Private Parking Lots

Municipal Code Section 8-801 was repealed in 1986 because of the confusion caused by the redundancy of the overlapping regulations (Lafayette Municipal Code, Parking Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, and California Vehicle Code). The regulation sections dealt with regulating "parking regulation signs" in terms of placement size and or information required. The following policy guidelines are proposed to harmonize the remaining regulation sections.

Parking regulations signs meeting the conditions below are exempt signs and do not require a sign permit.

1. Signs shall be on controlled premises.
2. Parking Regulation Signs shall be in plain view of each entrance to a controlled lot.
3. Sign placement shall not obstruct vision of motorists or pedestrians.
4. Signs shall be a maximum of 3 square feet and be no greater than 8 feet in height.
5. Lettering shall be a minimum of 1 inch in height.
6. Signs shall state that cars will be towed at owner's expense and shall give the Police Department phone number.
7. Signs shall cite Section 6-2522 of the Lafayette Municipal Code, Sign Ordinance and §22658 of the California Vehicle Code.
8. Signs may state parking duration and identify private stalls.

California Vehicle Code §22658 authorizes towing.

Lafayette Municipal Code §6-2422 cites exempt sign section which includes "parking regulation signs".