



CERES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Authority to Arrest Trespassers



To Property Owners

Use this or a similar format to authorize the Ceres Police Department to act as your agent to enforce trespass laws, in your absence, pursuant to Section 602 of the Penal Code. If you have any questions, please call the Ceres Police Department Non-emergency number at 209-538-5712. In order to keep this authorization in effect, California Law requires that you provide this letter of authorization every thirty days. (If the property is closed to the public and signs are posted to that effect, the authorization expires after six months) Therefore, you may want to make several copies of your final letter of authorization and mark your calendar to send a newly dated letter to the Ceres Police Department every month.

Property: _____

Dear Ceres Police Department,

I am _____ (owner or agent) of the above listed property located in Ceres, California. I request the Ceres Police Department to act on my behalf and request all persons who are not lawful residents or their invited guests to immediately leave the property or be arrested pursuant to California Penal Code 602. I have posted visible signs advising persons who are not lawful residents at this location not to trespass in violation of California Penal Code Section 602.

In addition, my authorized agent or I will cooperate fully in the prosecution of anyone who is found to be in violation of any local or state laws, including trespassing and vandalism. The phone number where I can be reached during business hours is (_____). The name of the manager _____ (if applicable) who resides at the aforementioned property is and he/she can be reached at (_____).

Sincerely,

 Manager/Owner

Date waiver Signed: Month _____ Day _____, 20____ Expires: Month _____ Day _____, 20____

THIS WAIVER IS ONLY VALID FOR UP TO 30 DAYS; UP TO ONE YEAR FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND HAS POSTINGS INDICATING IT IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PER CA. PENAL CODE 602(o). THIS WAVIER MUST BE ALWAYS CURRENT WITH POLICE DEPARTMANT AND REQUIRED SIGNAGE MUST BE POSTED AT ALL OFFICIAL ENTRANCES TO PROPERTY FOR ENFORCEMENT.

Please forward all completed forms to the **Ceres Police Department** by the following options:

In person or mail: 2727 Third Street Ceres, Ca 95307

Fax: 209-538-5707

Email: Dispatch@ci.ceres.ca.us

Ceres Police Department Trespassing Sign Specifications

To conform with state law regarding the posting of "No Trespassing" signs, these directions must be followed:

Sign: At least (1) foot square in size and must be posted at all entrances to the property.

Words: "Trespassing/Loitering Forbidden by Law" must appear in letters at least two (2) inches in height.

Example:

**Private Property
Trespassing/Loitering
Forbidden by Law
Violators will be prosecuted
California Penal Code 602**