

## Political / Campaign Signs

The jurisdiction where you place your political sign(s) controls whom you call to ask about sign regulations.

As sign regulations vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, you will need to contact the individual governmental entity where you wish to place your sign.

### State Property

Oregon Department of Transportation

Lane County District Office (541) 744-8080

No political signs on state highway right-of-way

There also are restrictions for signs on private property that are visible from state highways.

Political signs placed on state highway right-of-way will be removed without notice. They are held at local ODOT district maintenance offices for 30 days. Signs are prohibited on trees, utility poles, fence posts and natural features within highway right-of-way. They also are prohibited within view of a designated scenic area.

The width of state highway right-of-way can vary considerably depending on the specific location. If you're uncertain whether you're placing a sign on private property or highway right-of-way, check with your local ODOT district maintenance office .

Temporary political signs are allowed on private property within view of state highways with the following restrictions:

- \* New signs are limited to 12 square feet.
- \* No flashing or intermittent lights, animated or moving parts are allowed.
- \* Signs must not imitate an official highway sign or device.
- \* Signs are not allowed in scenic corridors.

For more information regarding signs along highway right-of-way, contact your local ODOT District Maintenance office. Also see

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/SIGNPROGRAM/pages/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/SIGNPROGRAM/pages/index.aspx)

### County Property

Lane County Public Works

Signs should not be placed within Lane County road right-of-ways. In unincorporated parts of the city that means the planting area between the sidewalk and curb. In rural areas, it would be from the pavement to the fence (anywhere maintenance vehicles would drive.) Signs placed near a rural road should be placed on private property behind any utility facilities (poles, closures, etc.) or sidewalks.

If you place a sign illegally, it may be removed by Lane County Public Works. You can be reunited with your sign(s) at 3040 N. Delta Highway within 30 days of removal, but after 30 days, the sign(s) will be destroyed.

By placing the signs properly, you can avoid unnecessary expense and hassle for yourself, save taxpayer money by saving Public Works personnel from having to handle the signs, and protect your neighbors and visitors from accidents.

Lane Code Chapter 15.205(2)

**City Property** – Contact the appropriate city for information, as their ordinances vary from city to city.

### **City of Eugene**

City Recorder's Office (541) 682-5042

Eugene Code, Section 9.6600 states that signs during an election period are subject to certain restrictions: Signs 12 sq ft or less in area, located on private property during the period from 60 days before to 5 days after any public election to be held in Lane County, Oregon.

Signs on private property only with the permission of the owner (permission required for use of private, vacant lots).

No signs allowed in the public right-of-way including:

- lamp posts, utility poles, or bridge approaches
- median strip between lanes of traffic
- grassy strip between the sidewalk and street
- any publicly owned property

No sign may hide from view any traffic control device.

### **City of Springfield**

Code Enforcement Officer, Cindie Mott (541) 726-3659

City Recorder, Amy Sowa (541) 726-3700

Springfield Municipal Code regarding election signs and location of signs in general:

**8.210 Location and Setbacks.** No sign or sign structure shall be installed within a public utility easement. No sign shall be installed within a five (5) foot setback from the property line. The property line must set back a minimum of 15 feet from the curb in order to be considered for an exemption from the five (5) foot setback from any property line. No sign shall be located within the vision clearance area as defined in the definitions of this code. All signs shall be located entirely on private property unless they are located in the downtown sign district where projection over the right-of-way is permitted with the appropriate insurance requirements.

**8.234 Exempt Signs (9) Election Campaign Signs.** Election signs are permitted to be placed on private property in any district, subject to the following conditions:

An election campaign sign shall be allowed 90 days prior to any public election and removed with three (3) days following the final election. The owner of the property on which the sign is placed shall be responsible for its removal.

An election campaign sign shall be no larger than 32 square feet.