

PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS – ANOKA COUNTY

This information sheet has been prepared as an aid to candidates for public office, and their volunteer committees, for the placement of campaign signs. State law prohibits the placement of signs on public right-of-way and in some cases the determination of right-of-way location has been difficult for candidates and their committees.

The following information is intended to assist you in locating signs and will be used by county personnel in controlling sign placement. Generally, if we receive a complaint about a sign on county right-of-way, those signs are inspected, the candidate is contacted if possible and asked to remove the signs, if the signs are not removed or the contact to the candidate cannot be made, the highway department will remove the signs and store them at the Highway Building at 1440 Bunker Lake Blvd. for the candidate to pick up. The following guidelines should assist you in keeping signs off county right-of-way.

1. Do not attach signs to any traffic control devices such as signal poles, signal boxes, or sign posts. Campaign signs attached to these devices will be removed by ACHD without notification to the candidate.
2. Power poles and fences are usually located on, or near, the right-of-way lines and are therefore a good reference for the width of highway right-of-way. When locating a sign on the side of the road opposite the power poles, or fence, maintain the same distance from roadway centerline as on the side with the poles or fence.
3. On improved county roads, in other words those roads with paved shoulders, generally 40 feet or more in width and where no fences or power poles exist, please use 50 feet from the centerline as a guideline for installing campaign signs.

On unimproved county roads, generally those in the neighborhood of 22 - 30 feet in width, use a distance of at least 33 feet from the centerline for the placement of signs.

4. At street locations and driveway intersections, please place signs so that they do not block a driver's line of sight for drivers either entering the highway or drivers leaving the highway onto public streets or private driveways.

If in doubt of highway right-of-way, or you wish to report other campaign signs located in the right-of-way, please contact the Highway Department at 763-862-4200.

We realize that the use of signs is a vital part of candidates campaign and invite you to call the Anoka County Highway Department at 763-862-4200 for information regarding the width of right-of-way at any specific location.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.