



How you and your campaign can help keep Texas beautiful



The law on placement of campaign signs

Texans take pride in their beautiful, scenic state. They also like to boast about its nationally renowned highway system. During campaign season, the landscape blooms with a different flower—the political sign. On private property, they are a thing of beauty. On public lands, they are illegal. Here's the scoop on how to keep Texas beautiful.

Here are some tips on how to keep your campaign signs legal:

-  Do not place campaign signs on or within any public right of way as State law specifically prohibits this. This includes trees, telephone poles, traffic signs, and other objects on the right of way. Signs in violation will be removed by TxDOT employees, a county sheriff, or a constable, depending upon the jurisdiction.
-  If you are thinking of placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, make sure to check with the city because the signs may be subject to a local ordinance.

Here's what you can legally do:

-  Place a campaign sign on private property with the owner's permission along all highways in Texas.
-  Signs must meet some basic criteria. The signs must be made of lightweight material and can be up to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days before an election, but no earlier. Signs must be removed within 10 days after the election.

When signs are found on the right of way:

-  If a sign is a potential safety hazard, it will be removed as soon as possible. Otherwise, candidates will be notified and given 24 hours to remove their sign.
-  All campaign signs removed by TxDOT are logged and stored at the local maintenance office until after the election.

We're here to help you determine where your campaign signs can go. For more information about these laws and rules, and where you can place your campaign sign, contact the TxDOT Fort Worth District Public Information Office at (817) 370-6744.