

POLITICAL SIGNS: THE DO'S AND DON'TS

City of Pasadena, Texas: Chapter 31 – STANDARD SIGN CODE

Sec. 31-9. - Sign applications, permits, and fees

Sec. 31-9 (i): Political campaign signs. Must be placed in conformance and accordance with State of Texas law and cannot cause a hazard, found to be a hazard for traffic/pedestrians or found to be a traffic sight triangle problem that poses a hazard. This type signage is not subject to fees. State law does not apply to signs that do not conform with any of the following:

- 1) An effective area of more than thirty-six (36) square feet.
- 2) Is more than eight (8) feet in height.
- 3) Is illuminated.
- 4) Has any moving elements.

Allowed installations must be on private real property with permission of the legal owner or tenant with specific conveyed rights. Political sign installations shall not be placed on public property, rights-of-way, easements or private real property without the expressed permission of the owner. Signs placed in violation of this chapter must be relocated to a lawful location or are subject to removal.

Campaign Signs: During campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower - the political sign. Unlike wildflowers that are welcome anywhere, putting campaign signs on public lands is illegal. So before you plant that sign, learn the law and keep Texas beautiful. TxDOT only regulates campaign signs under chapter 394 of the Texas Transportation Code.

You Need to Know: It is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way. This includes posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs and other objects on the right of way. Campaign signs along Texas roads can be placed on private property with the owner's permission. Before placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, check with the city for applicable ordinances.

Sign Removal: If you've placed your sign in the right of way or it's posing a traffic hazard, we will remove it without prior notice. All costs associated with sign removal will be paid by the sign owner.

Political Advertising Info: www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/padpubs.htm

Texas Department of Transportation info:

512-416-3030 or www.txdot.gov/content/txdot/en.html



JEFF WAGNER
MAYOR

