

## TOWN OF WESTLAKE POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

### CODE OF ORDINANCES Chapter 70. Signs.

Sec. 70-13. - Signs and display cases within commercial districts.

(d) *Signs exempt from formal review.*

- (3) Political signs so long as they do not exceed the maximum square footage provisions of this section. Thirty days after the election, which includes any run-off election, all political signs pertaining to such election shall be removed or be subject to removal by the town. Candidates shall be responsible for removal of their political signs. If the town removes the signs, it may assess the candidate the actual costs of removal.

Section 70-14. – Residential Districts

(f) *Political signs.* Political signs may be placed on the property provided they do not exceed four square feet in area provided that:

- (1) No political sign may be placed in the public roadway or easement adjacent to such roadway or placed in any location which would cause a traffic hazard by obscuring or in any manner blocking the vision of any driver of a vehicle using the public street or entering any such street.
- (2) Thirty days after the election, which includes any run-off election, all political signs pertaining to such election shall be removed or be subject to removal by the town pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

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- Permits are not required for political signs
- Should not exceed four square feet in area
- There is no height restriction
- There is no restriction on the number of signs
- Should be erected after official filing for candidacy

# Political and Campaign Signs

## Right of Way Division

### Interstate and Primary Highways

During campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower - the political sign. Unlike wildflowers which 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 controls the location of commercial signs, and never controls the content of any signage. If you have questions about what may be on a political sign, please contact the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Where can I place political signs?

You can place your signs anywhere so long as they are:

- 1) not in the highway right of way;
- 2) not in a location that poses a safety hazard (e.g. blocking sight to a driveway); and
- 3) placed with the landowner's permission.

Always make sure to check with local authorities (cities, counties, etc.) as they may have their own restrictions on sign placement.

#### When can I place political signs?

Cities and counties may have their own time restrictions for political signs, however TxDOT does not enforce any timing restrictions.

#### There is a sign on private property posing a safety hazard

If you believe a sign or signs create a safety hazard, contact local law enforcement as they can have the owner remove or relocate their sign(s).

#### There are signs located on the Right of Way (ROW)

Signs cannot be placed on the ROW as per Texas Transportation Code §393.002. "A sheriff, constable, or other trained volunteer authorized by the commissioners court of a county may confiscate a sign placed in violation of Section 393.002." [TEX. TRANS. CODE §393.003]. For state-maintained highways, your local TxDOT district office also has the authority to remove signs located on state owned right of way.

#### Where is the ROW?

If you are unsure where the ROW starts or ends, you should contact your local TxDOT district office.

#### Online Information

This same information is available online on TxDOT's website and can be accessed by the below method:

Go to  
[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

↓  
Select "Do business"

↓  
Select "Right of Way"

↓  
Select "View campaign sign laws"

OR

Search Online:  
"TxDOT Campaign Signs"

### Contact Us

The contact information for your local TxDOT office can be found online at:

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) → About → TxDOT Districts

Then find your county and select the "Discover" link for specific contact information.

For any other questions concerning signs along Texas highways, contact the TxDOT Commercial Signs Regulatory Section:

[ROW\\_OutdoorAdvertising@txdot.gov](mailto:ROW_OutdoorAdvertising@txdot.gov)

or by phone:

(512) 416-3030