

**Campaigners urged to save tax dollars
by obeying right-of-way laws**

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Political candidates can already brag about saving tax dollars – even before they’re elected.

Politicians can save their constituents tax money, help keep the roads safe for travel and keep Oklahoma beautiful just by making sure their campaign staffs obey laws when placing signs.

State law (69 Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1208) prohibits putting signs – or anything else – in the public right of way.

Each year the Oklahoma Department of Transportation spends \$4 million, and countless volunteer hours, on trash pickup. County and local governments also spend tax dollars and volunteer hours for trash removal.

The solution for candidates and their campaigners is to get permission from the landowners along streets and roads and place the signs on private property.

To report illegal signs or to request signs be removed from busy rights of way, call your local city or county police department.

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