



ODOT reminds candidates that signs don't belong on highways or bridges

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As Election Day draws near, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation reminds candidates to obey state law by not placing campaign signs illegally along highways or on bridges. Campaign signs placed in state rights-of-way are a distraction and safety hazard to drivers. In addition, campaign volunteers put themselves in harm's way by standing near highways or on bridges to place or display signs.

State law prohibiting placement of these signs on state owned rights-of-way is found in 69 O.S. § 1208 (b). Instead, candidates and volunteers should seek to place signs on private property with the landowner's permission.

Oklahoma taxpayers foot the bill for removal of illegally placed signs and other trash from public property. More than \$4 million is spent each year, plus untold volunteer hours, for trash pick-up along Oklahoma highways. That cost is in addition to what county and municipal governments spend to keep the state clean.

Candidates should check local ordinances for questions regarding city or county maintained rights-of-way. Even within city limits, however, these signs are prohibited on state-maintained highways and bridges.

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(Editors and News Directors: The specific statute prohibiting signs and other structures on state rights-of-way is located at 69 O.S. § 1208 (b). For more information call the ODOT Media & Public Relations Division at 405-521-6000.)

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