



# Placement of Political Signs in Chisago County

## Information Sheet

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This information sheet has been prepared to aid to candidates for public office and their volunteer committees for the placement of campaign signs. State Law prohibits placement of signs in the public highway right-of-way. Because right-of-way locations have been difficult to identify for candidates and their committees, the following information is intended to assist in the correct placement of signs and will be used by County personnel in controlling sign placement. Generally, if we receive a complaint about a sign in the County right-of-way, the sign(s) are inspected and, if incorrectly placed, County personnel will remove and dispose of the sign(s).

The following guidelines should assist you in keeping signs out of County right-of-way:

- Do not attach signs to any traffic control devices such as signal poles, signal boxes, or sign posts. Campaign signs attached to these devices will be removed by County personnel without notification to the candidate.
- Power poles and fences are usually located on or near the right-of-way lines and are good reference for the width of highway right-of-way. When placing a sign on the side of the road opposite the power poles or fence, maintain the same distance from roadway centerline as the side with the poles or fences.
- On improved county roads (those roads with paved shoulders, generally 36-40 feet or more in width, and where no fences or power poles exist), use 50 feet from the centerline as a guideline for placing campaign signs. On unimproved County roads (those roads approximately 22-30 feet in width), use a distance of at least 33 feet from the centerline for the placement of signs.
- At street locations and driveway intersections, place signs so that they do not block the line of sight for drivers either entering or leaving the highway onto public streets or private driveways.
- For specific right of way width determinations, Chisago County has a [GIS Map available online](#) that shows property lines and plat information, which can help in determining the right-of-way widths. There also is an aerial view to allow you to have some actual reference points on the ground to assist you.

We realize the use of signs is a vital part of a candidate's campaign. If in doubt of highway right-of-way, or if you wish to report campaign signs located within the right-of-way, please contact the Chisago County Public Works Department by calling 651-213-8700.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.