

SIGN REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGNS

Overview

Political issue and candidate signs have been a staple of American democracy for years, offering a low-cost tool for political candidates and organizers to gain recognition and support. As costs to produce the signs have decreased, their popularity has increased among political candidates and businesses alike. In response, many communities – including Tulsa – have enacted regulations on these types of signs in order to keep their communities safe and clean. By familiarizing yourself with Tulsa’s sign standards, you and your campaign can reduce or eliminate the risk of sign confiscations and/or citations to those who are caught placing signs unlawfully.

Lawful Signs

- ✓ Placed on private property with owner’s permission;
- ✓ No larger than 16-square-feet (in R and O Districts); and
- ✓ Removed within seven days after the voting event.

Illegal Signs

- ✗ Placed without owner’s permission;
- ✗ Larger than 16-square-feet (in R and O District);
- ✗ Placed on public property (schools, parks, libraries, retention ponds, etc.);
- ✗ Placed in center medians or at intersections;
- ✗ Placed in the right-of-way along the street; or
- ✗ Not removed promptly after the vote.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

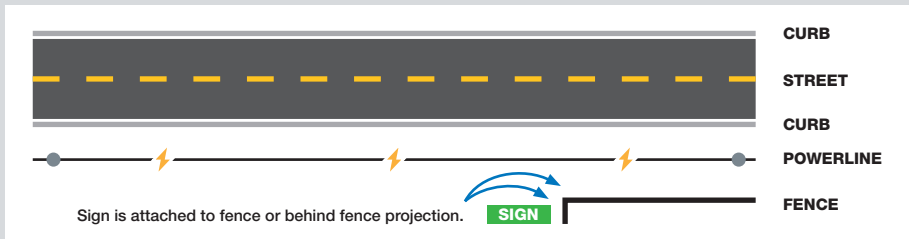
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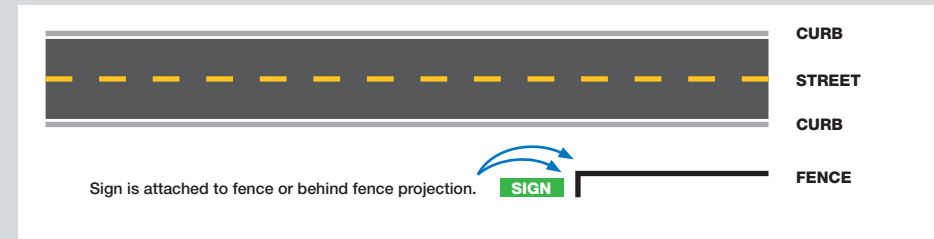
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CORRECT PLACEMENT OF SIGNS

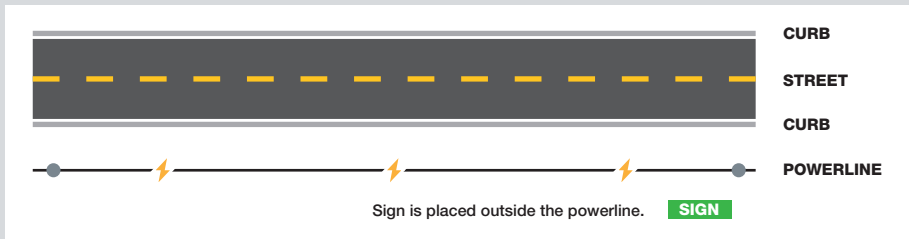
1. Where fence and powerline exists



2. Where no powerline exists



3. Where no fence or fence projection exists



4. Where no fence, fence projection or powerline exists



Further Reading

Title 42 Tulsa Revised Ordinances (TRO), Chapter 60, Section 030.5 Campaign Signs

"Campaign signs must be removed no later than seven days after the voting event. Campaign signs are prohibited on public property and are allowed on private property only with the consent of the owner of the subject property. In R and O zoning districts campaign signs may not exceed 16-square-feet in area."

Title 24 TRO, Chapter 1, Section 103-A Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety

"All trees, hedges, signs or other obstructions, or any portion of the same, located within a sight distance triangle which prevent persons driving vehicles approaching an intersection of streets from having a clear view of traffic approaching such intersection..."

Title 24 TRO, Chapter 1, Section 103-H Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety

"Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary use by the public of the streets, alleys, sidewalks or public ground except under such conditions as are provided by ordinance;"

Title 24 TRO, Chapter 1, Section 103-O Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety

"Any privately-owned sign (including a poster, banner, flyer, or other device) placed in or on an existing public street or sidewalk, or in or on a right-of-way or within twelve (12) feet of a curb or road edge, whichever is less; or affixed to any tree, utility pole or other structure located in or on a public street or sidewalk; or in or on a right-of-way or within twelve (12) feet of a curb or road edge, whichever is less, without permission from the City of Tulsa, as provide in Title 42 TRO Section 60.020-E and -H. Any such sign so placed or affixed is hereby considered litter, and considered abandoned, and may be summarily removed."