



FRIDLEY CITY CODE PERTAINING TO POLITICAL SIGNS

CHAPTER 214. SIGNS

214.02 DEFINITIONS

25. Political Sign.

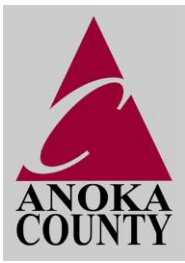
A temporary sign advertising election issues or the candidacy of a person running for public office.

214.06 TEMPORARY SIGNS ALLOWED IN ALL DISTRICTS WITHOUT A SIGN PERMIT

3. Political Signs.

- A. A maximum size of thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- B. To not be placed until 46 days before a special or regular election.
- C. To be removed within ten (10) days following election.
- D. All political signs must be placed a minimum of ten (10) feet from a street curb and ten (10) feet from any driveway.

**A POLITICAL SIGN PERMIT IS NO LONGER REQUIRED
IN THE CITY OF FRIDLEY.**



Campaign Sign Placement Fact Sheet

Campaign signs are an important part of the campaign process. Placement of campaign signs is regulated by state and local laws and ordinances. This important information will assist candidates and supporters to correctly place campaign signs in Anoka County. Signs which pose a safety hazard or are placed in violation of laws and rules may be removed with or without notice. Every effort is made to be fair and impartial in administering the laws which govern signs, so that all candidates can expect equal treatment.

Prohibited Placement - Minnesota State Statute 160.27 prohibits placement of signs in certain areas including:

- Placement, painting, printing or affixing on any object within the limits of any highway;
- On private land without the consent of the owner or occupant;
- On public utility poles;
- On trees or shrubs;
- By painting or drawing on rocks or natural features; and
- Within the “right of way” or blocking the sight lines of drivers entering the highway or leaving the highway onto public streets or private driveways

Determining the Right-of-Way - Rights-of-way vary from location to location. The following guidelines can be used to determine the right-of-way at most locations in the county. For general reference in determining the county highway right-of-way:

- Power poles and fences are usually located on, or near, the right-of-way lines and are a good reference for the width of highway right-of-way. When locating a sign on the side of the road opposite the power pole or fence, maintain the same distance from roadway centerline as on the side with the poles or fence.
- On improved county roads, in other words those roads with paved shoulders, generally 40 feet or more in width and where no fences or power poles exist, please use 60 feet from the centerline as a guideline for installing campaign signs.
- On unimproved county roads, generally those in the neighborhood of 22 - 30 feet in width, use a distance of at least 33 feet from the centerline for the placement of signs.

If you wish to report other campaign signs located in the right-of-way, please contact the Highway Department at 763-862-4200.

Safety Hazards - Signs that pose a safety hazard will be removed. At street locations and driveway intersections, place signs so that they do not block a driver's line of sight for drivers either entering the highway or drivers leaving the highway onto public streets or private driveways.

City Ordinances - Between June 27, 2014 and November 14, 2014 campaign signs of any size may be posted in any number in any municipality. Please contact the local city offices for specific information on sign placement ordinances.

Andover	763-755-5100	Columbus	651-464-3120	Lino Lakes	651-982-2400
Anoka	763-576-2700	Coon Rapids	763-755-2880	Linwood	651-462-2812
Bethel	763-434-4366	East Bethel	763-367-7840	Nowthen	763-441-1347
Blaine	763-784-6700	Fridley	763-571-3450	Oak Grove	763-404-7000
Centerville	651-429-3232	Ham Lake	763-434-9555	Ramsey	763-427-1410
Circle Pines	763-784-5898	Hilltop	763-571-2023	St. Francis	763-753-2630
Columbia Heights	763-706-3600	Lexington	763-784-2792	Spring Lake Park	763-784-649



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TO CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

This letter is to remind you that state law prohibits the placement, painting, printing or affixing of advertisements on any object within the limits of any highway in Minnesota. This prohibition in Minnesota Statutes, section 160.27, applies to political campaign signs as well as to all other forms of advertising. The law applies to all state, county, city and township roads and highways.

In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 173.15) prohibits erecting advertising devices:

- On private land without the consent of the owner or occupant;
- On public utility poles;
- On trees or shrubs; and
- By painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

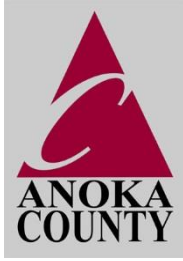
The Federal Highway Administration office in Minnesota monitors Minnesota's compliance with federal highway beautification laws. State transportation employees are responsible for administering these laws on state highways and must remove signs that violate the laws. County, city and township employees administer these laws on their roads.

Since political campaign workers may not be familiar with the laws, please distribute this information to those who place signs on your behalf. Local MnDOT offices should be contacted for assistance when signs are being placed where the specific highway right-of-way cannot be clearly identified. When improperly placed signs are removed by MnDOT employees, every effort will be made to temporarily store the sign and notify the candidate so that the signs can be retrieved by the candidate or the candidate's workers.

I sincerely request your cooperation in ensuring your campaign workers are aware of these laws. MnDOT employees will make every effort to be fair and impartial in administering the law so that all advertisers can expect equal treatment under this law.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Commissioner



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Campaign Signs – Recycle Information

Reuse - Keep signs to reuse again

Recycle - Paper and plastic campaign signs can be recycled

Paper signs: remove metal and wood, recycle with mixed paper

Plastic Signs: remove metal stakes and any wood, recycle with mixed plastic or designated area

Metal Stakes: separate metal from the campaign sign and recycle scrap metal

Deliver to one of the recycling drop-off centers listed below:

Andover Recycling Center 15200 Tower Drive, Andover 763-767-5175
Daylight hours, every day

Coon Rapids Recycling Center 1831 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids 763-767-6485
Wed & Sat, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except holidays)

Large quantities of signs may also be delivered to the following businesses for recycling:

Choice Plastics 5338 Shoreline Drive, Mound 952-472-3070
Email: choiceplastics@choiceplastics.com
Large quantity only! Call 2-3 days prior for delivery instructions

Better Future Enterprises 6100 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley 612-718-6089
Email: thanson@betterfutures.net
Call for hours and delivery instructions

Dispose

Non-recyclable signs may be placed in the garbage or taken to a garbage drop off location listed below:

Elk River Landfill 22460 Hwy 169 NW, Elk River 763-441-2464
Great River Energy Processing Plant 10700 165th Ave NW, Elk Rvr 763-445-5846
Maple Grove Transfer Stn/WMI 10633 89th Ave N, Maple Grv..... 763-425-3736
SRC Trnsfr Stn & Recycle Ctr 6320 E Viking Blvd, Wyoming 651-462-1099
Walters Recycling and Refuse Inc 2830 101st Ave NE, Blaine..... 763-780-8464
Waste Mgmt/Re-Cy-Co Transfer Stn 1691 91st Ave NE, Blaine 763-784-4772

For specific recycling and disposal locations please go to:
www.anokacounty.us/recycle and search "campaign signs."

