

*Political Signs in ROW*



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IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

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**The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board in Des Moines and your local County Auditor remind all candidates and campaigns that it is illegal to erect campaign signs on public property or public right-of-way. The Ethics Board may issue a Letter of Reprimand to persons with confirmed sign placement violations on the right-of-way.**

**Public right-of-way is described in general as the area between the sidewalk and the curb in a city, and as the area between the shoulder of the road and the fence line in rural areas. Also, campaign signs should not be posted on utility poles or traffic sign poles. Campaign signs may be posted on private property with the permission of the property owner.**

To local candidates:

I am sending this reminder to local candidates since the DOT has already received complaints. The county auditor is not an enforcer of this law, but I want to make sure you are all aware of it.

Sincerely,

Larry Popenhagen  
Fayette Co. Auditor and  
Commissioner of Elections