

Grove City's Sign Ordinance Regulates Campaign Signs



Permits are not required to install campaign signs; however, the Grove City Sign Code Chapter 1045 contains requirements for campaign signs that are enforced by the City. Political signs shall **not** be posted within the right-of-way, including attachment to utility poles and other structures within the right-of-way. While not required by City Code, the City of Grove City appreciates prompt sign removal following the election.

City Code:

- Allows for the immediate removal of any signs in the right-of-way by the City.
- Prohibits the illumination of political signs.

Relevant Code Sections

1145.02 DEFINITIONS:

- (r) "Political sign" means a sign having reference to a candidate for elective public office or a public question or issue to be submitted to the electorate at any election.

1145.13 SIGN IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT PROHIBITED:

- (b) Any sign placed in a public right-of-way or right-of-way easement may be removed by the city and stored in a city complex for a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours and may thereafter be destroyed.
- (c) Whoever violates this provision of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each sign placed on said rights-of-way.

1145.14 SIGNS PERMITTED IN GROVE CITY, WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT:

- (b) Political signs may be displayed as defined in Section 1145.02 (r) provided that such signs shall not be located any closer than ten feet (10') to the right-of-way along the street or streets on which a lot or parcel fronts. Such signs shall not be illuminated nor be erected within any public rights-of-way or easements nor attached in any manner to any utility pole, fence or any other structure within any public rights-of-way.

Removal of Signs in the Right-of-way

Signs in the right-of-way or right-of-way easement that are removed by the City will be stored for at least 72 hours at the Grove City Service Complex. To claim signs removed from the right-of-way, contact the Grove City Service Department from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at: 3262 Ventura Blvd., Grove City, OH 43123 or call 614-277-1100.

Contact the Grove City Building Division with questions regarding sign regulations at 614-277-3075.

City Code information can be found on the Grove City website.