

SIGNAGE RULES AND REGULATIONS

SIGNS

Under the provisions of 23 M.R.S.A., Section 1913-A, Maine Law on Elections Title 21-A, and Department of Transportation regulations, political posters and signs may be erected and maintained as follows.

Signs may be erected on Private Property outside of the Right of Way limits of public ways at any time prior to an election. Size is limited to 50 square feet.

Signs may be erected within the Right of Way limits of public ways no sooner than six (6) weeks prior to an election

Signs must be removed no later than one (1) week following the election.

Political posters and signs shall not be erected on any traffic control signs or devices, public utility poles or fixtures, upon any trees or painted or drawn upon rocks or other natural features.

No person shall place any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device, such as a stop sign.

Political signs may be displayed to view to all public ways **except** for the Interstate Highway System. Signs may not be placed within the limits of any controlled access highway or erected within 660 ft. of the nearest edge of the Interstate Highway System in such a manner that the message may be read from the Interstate Highway.

Traffic safety should be of the utmost consideration in the placement of political signs or posters. Candidates and/or their campaign workers should take great care not to place signs or posters where they could create a traffic hazard. For example, signs or posters should not be placed at or near intersections where they could obstruct the view of on-coming traffic to the motorist entering the intersection.

Political advertisements are not permitted on state owned or state leased property.

Political signs or posters are prohibited within 250' of the entrance to the voting place. The voting place is the Falmouth High School on Election Day. The voting place also includes the Falmouth Town Hall for 45 days preceding an election during which time the office may be conducting absentee voting. The display or distribution of any advertising material intended to influence a voter's decision is prohibited within the clerk's office and on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the clerk's office.

CADIDATES AT THE POLLS

Within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not influence or attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate or ballot issue. A candidate may be at the voting place and orally communicate with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote. A candidate may not state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote at the voting place on Election Day.