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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

RCW 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate highways, Primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational system. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in WAC 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with *Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66-050, Sign Classifications*, political campaign signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political campaign signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet
- Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election
- Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW47.42 and WAC 468-66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, **the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway will be removed by the Department of Transportation.**

If you should have any questions about the placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact one of the department's regional Outdoor Advertising Representatives. The representative for your area can be determined by reviewing the map and roster attached to this letter.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter,

Washington State Department of Transportation

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