



NOTICE TO ALL POLITICAL CANDIDATES

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS AND ADVERTISING IN COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

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As we enter into the election season, it is appropriate to remind all candidates that it is a violation of the County Encroachment Ordinance (Division 12 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code) to place political campaign or other such advertisements or endorsements in the County road right-of-way. This includes the center medians, sidewalk or paths, and the portion of the County road right-of-way immediately adjacent to the pavement. (Note: The County Encroachment Ordinance applies only to the unincorporated area of the County; however, most cities have similar ordinances.)

Similarly, it is a violation to place campaign signs or other such advertisements on official traffic signs, public utility poles, or other improvements located in the County road right-of-way.

When placing any advertisements, banners, or signs on private property, please make sure that you obtain the property owner's permission. Also, please make sure these signs or banners do not interfere with motorist sight distance or pedestrian use of the right-of-way, including sidewalks and the like.

Public Works Agency does not have the resources to enforce all violations of the Encroachment Ordinance. However, if we observe them or receive notifications, we will try to notify you first and give you the opportunity to move the item. If the encroachment obstructs or interferes with the public's safe use of the right-of-way, we may have to immediately remove any such encroachment without notifying you.

We felt you would want to be aware of this Ordinance to ensure you and your supporters comply with the County's rules and regulations regarding political campaign signs and advertising. It would also be appreciated if, as soon as possible after the election is over – win or lose – all of your signs and/or banners were removed. We all take pride in the appearance of our County.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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