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## All About Safety: Campaign Signs in the Right-of-Way

KALAMAZOO, MI – As temporary campaign signs begin appearing, the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) is reminding political candidates and property owners that temporary political campaign signs must conform to regulations for placement. Our primary concern is the safety of the public and road users, and we want to make sure these temporary signs do not become safety hazards by obstructing anyone's line of vision. The larger the signs, the greater the potential risks.

For roads within RCKC jurisdiction, the placement of temporary campaign wire signs within the right-of-way must not obstruct vision, especially at intersections. The county road right-of-way is typically 33 feet from the centerline of the road. The placement of a larger sign supported more permanently in the ground is not allowed. Temporary campaign signs that do not meet these criteria will be removed. When placing temporary campaign signs the candidates are responsible for obtaining approval from the adjacent property owner before placing. If the property owner has not given permission or does not prefer that the sign be placed there, please remove it. Campaign signs must be removed immediately following the election.

For roads within the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) jurisdiction, signs must be placed more than 30 feet away from the edge of the roadway (or from the white line along the edge on highways) without barrier-type curbs. On highways that do have barrier curbs, the signs must be more than 3 feet from the back of the curb. Signs are not allowed within clear vision areas at intersections or commercial driveways, or within limited access rights-of-way. Campaign signs that do not meet these criteria will be removed. Candidates are responsible for obtaining approval from adjacent property owners before placing signs. Signs must be removed within 10 days after the election. For more information on campaign sign placement MDOT standards, visit the MDOT website at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151--331936--00.html#:~:text=Signs%20must%20be%20placed%20more%20than%2030%20feet%20from%20the,the%20back%20of%20the%20curb>.



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*The RCKC has served as the local road professionals of Kalamazoo County since 1909. RCKC remains committed to our goal of using our expertise, energy, and funds to provide the safest and most convenient road system possible, and to contribute to economic development and high quality of life throughout the county.*

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