

## POLITICAL SIGN FAQ

### Q. Can I have a yard sign?

Yes. Private property only and requires the landowner's approval.

### Q. What is the maximum size allowed?

Type of Property	Non-Commercial <i>(Typically Residential)</i>	Commercial <i>(Typically a Business)</i>
Total Allowance per Lot	36 sqft	16 sqft
Maximum Size per Sign	16 sqft	16 sqft
Maximum Height	4 feet	4 feet

### Q. Is a permit required to install a yard sign?

No. If you follow these guidelines the signs fall under the "exempt" category and do not require a permit.

### Q. Can I place a sign on public property?

No. Signs cannot be placed on public property such as parks, the water tower, etc.

### Q. Where can I put the sign?

Signs must be outside of the road right-of-way and cannot be attached to utility poles.

- US-31 50-feet from road edge, with permission
- M-45 30-feet from the white fog line, with permission
- Lincoln Street 20-feet from the white fog line, with permission
- Lakeshore Drive East side of road: inside of pathway, with permission  
West side of road: 20-feet from white fog line, with permission
- Roads with a pathway must be placed on the inside of the pathway
- Road without a pathway must be placed 15-feet to 20-feet from road edge
- Railroad Right-of-Way

### Q. Why can I not have a sign in the right-of-way?

- Safety – sign clutter distracts drivers.
- Safety – can block your vision at driveways and intersections.
- Service – OCRC & MDOT have been trying to mow the shoulders of the roads, but run into problems when signs are in the way.

### Q. Can I have my sign back?

Yes, the Township is storing all the signs for a maximum of 30 days. Call our office at (616) 842-5988 to retrieve.