

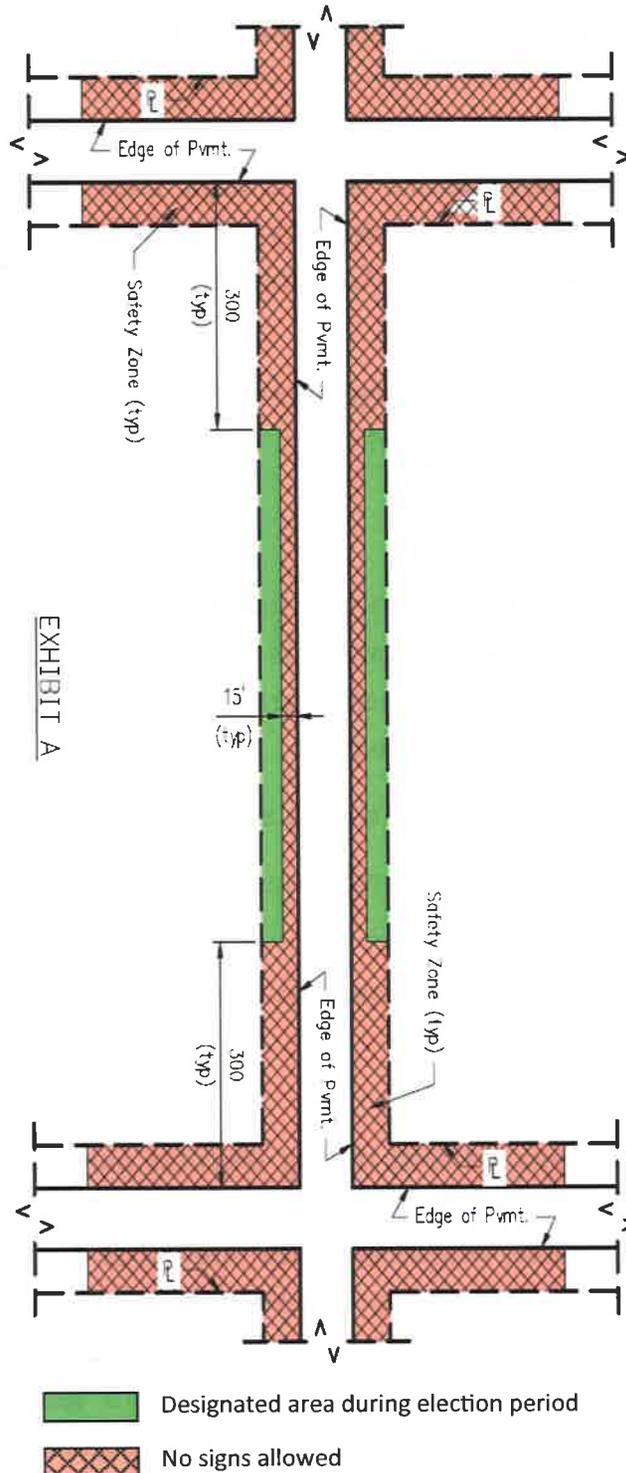
RESOURCES:

Proper placement of signs will require some knowledge about which roads fall under county jurisdiction.

Additional information can be found on the Sedgwick County Public Works website at

www.sedgwickcounty.org/public_works/

Photos below depict typical signs that will help identify where county road right of way begins and ends around cities.



SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Guidelines for Placement of Private Signs in the Public Right of Way



Guidelines for implementation of Resolution 77-2016 Under K.S.A. 25-2711

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WHY HAS THE COUNTY ESTABLISHED A SIGN POLICY?

- State law prohibits private signs and other obstructions in road right of way.
- In 2015, the Kansas Legislature passed K.S.A. 25-2711 to specifically allow placement of political signs in city and county rights of way during a period of 45 days prior to and 2 days after an election.
- K.S.A. 25-2711 allows local government to regulate signage for safety reasons.
- The Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners established a policy to balance the safety of the travelling public with constitutional rights to free speech.

25-2711. Placement of political signs during election period.

No city or county shall regulate or prohibit the placement of or the number of political signs on private property or the unpaved right-of-way for city streets or county roads on private property during the 45-day period prior to any election and the two-day period following any such election. Cities and counties may regulate the size and a set-back distance for the placement of signs so as not to impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons.

WHAT ARE THE REGULATIONS?

Definition of election period: 45 days before and 2 days after any election scheduled by the Sedgwick County Election Commissioner.

No private signage allowed in Sedgwick County right of way outside of any election period.

During an election period, signs meeting the following standards may be placed in the designated area within the County right of way

- Sign face less than 6 square feet
- Sign and mounting system less than 5 pounds
- Top of sign less than 30 inches above the ground

Designated area during election period: During an election period, signs meeting the size, weight and size standards may be placed in the County road right of way as long as they are 300 feet from a street intersection and at least 15 feet from the edge of the gravel road surface or edge of pavement.

WHAT WILL SEDGWICK COUNTY DO WITH SIGN POLICY VIOLATIONS?

- Outside of an election period, all signs may be removed and disposed of without notice to the owner.
- During an election period, signage placed outside of the designated area may be removed and disposed of without notice to the owner.
- During an election period, private signs meeting the requirements of the policy will be left in place to the extent practicable.
- During an election period, Public Works employees may temporarily remove and replace or relocate private signs further back in the right of way in order to perform work in the right of way.

Questions?

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