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## Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

Dear Public Office Candidate,

With the 2016 elections approaching, the City of Wichita would like to remind candidates, and all citizens, that the City's Sign Code (Title 24.04.215 of the City Code) prohibits all signs, including political signs, on the City rights of way, or on public property. The City rights of way are all parts of a street lying between adjacent property lines - including the vehicle travel area - and may include a public sidewalk, and unpaved areas between the travel lanes and adjacent property lines. Examples of public property are public buildings, parks, drainage ways and creeks.

Signs are not allowed on City rights of way for various reasons. They can be unsightly and can contribute to urban blight. But, more importantly, they can present a very real public safety hazard. Temporary signs improperly placed in City rights of way or on public property can:

- Cause sight obstructions and distractions endangering motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians
- Block sight lines at driveways and intersections, endangering motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians
- Blow into traffic, possibly causing property damage or accidents
- Pose a hazard to utility workers

For these reasons, no temporary signs, including political signs, are allowed on City rights of way or on public property.

Signs improperly placed on City rights of way or public property may be removed by either City staff, a volunteer sign removal group, or by an adjacent property owner. Any sign that is removed may be recovered by payment of a \$25 per sign recovery fee. If placement on the rights of way or public property continues, charges may be filed in Municipal Court.

We appreciate your attention and cooperation in helping keep our city both clean and safe. Should you have any questions, please contact Zoning/License/Sign Section staff at 316-268-4479.