

Chambers County Political Signs

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Chambers County allows placement of smaller political yard signs no larger than 2' X 2'; cannot be any higher than 2' above the ground from the bottom to the sign; cannot be placed until the day before early voting and/or the day before Election Day on any county property.

All political yard signs must be removed from county property within 72 hours of Election Day.

Texas Ethics Commission Political Advertising

What is "Political Advertising"?

"Political advertising" means a communication supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election to a public office or office of a political party, a political party, a public officer, or a measure that:

(A) in return for consideration, is published in a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical or is broadcast by radio or television; or

(B) appears:

- (i) in a pamphlet, circular, flier, billboard or other sign, bumper sticker, or similar form of written communication; or
- (ii) on an Internet website (including a communication appearing on a social media website).

When can I begin advertising?

Candidates may begin advertising once they have a campaign treasurer appointment on file. The laws under the Commission's jurisdiction do not address when and where candidates may place signs. Questions about the 90-day timeline for placing signs must be directed to the Texas Department of Transportation.

What are the requirements of a disclosure statement?

A political advertising disclosure statement must contain the words "political advertising" or any recognizable abbreviation, and must:

- (1) appear on one line of text or on successive lines of text on the face of the political advertising; or
- (2) be clearly spoken in the political advertising if the political advertising does not include written text.

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/advertising/political_advertising_reqts.php

Texas Department of Transportation Campaign Signs

During campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower - the political sign. Unlike wildflowers that are welcome anywhere, putting campaign signs on public lands is illegal.

So before you plant that sign, learn the law and keep Texas beautiful.

You Need to Know

- It is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way.
This includes posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs and other objects on the right of way.
- Campaign signs along Texas roads can be placed on private property with the owner's permission.
- Signs must be made of lightweight material and be no larger than 50 square feet.
- Campaign signs may be posted as early as 90 days before an election (no earlier) and must be removed within 10 days after the election.
- Before placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, check with the city for applicable ordinances.

Sign Removal

If you've placed your sign in the right of way or it's posing a traffic hazard, we will remove it without prior notice. All costs associated with sign removal will be paid by the sign owner.

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/right-of-way/campaign-signs.html>