

Section 106.1435, Florida Statutes Usage and removal of Political campaign advertisements

Signs placed on the State, County or City rights of way – Political campaign signs may not be placed on any state, county or city rights of way.

Signs placed on private property – Temporary political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner, and such signs do not require a permit under state law.

Please advise your campaign workers to ensure that signs are placed on private property. Signs placed on the state, county or city rights of way may be picked up by the appropriate staff and placed in one of the department's maintenance yards.

- (1) Each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political campaign advertisements within 30 days after:
 - (a) Withdrawal of his or her candidacy;
 - (b) Having been eliminated as a candidate; or
 - (c) Being elected to office

However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements that are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles, such as bumper stickers, or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons.

- (2) If political campaign advertisements are not removed within the specified period, the political subdivision or governmental entity has the authority to remove such advertisements and may charge the candidate the actual cost of such removal. Funds collected for removing such advertisements shall be deposited to the general revenue of the political subdivision.
- (3) Pursuant to chapter 479, no political campaign advertisements shall be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed or located on or above any state or county road right-of-way.
- (4) The officer before whom a candidate qualifies for office shall notify the candidate, in writing, of the provisions in this section.
- (5) This provision does not preclude municipalities from imposing additional or more stringent requirements on the usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.