



YARD SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY GUIDANCE

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BACKGROUND

The Seattle Department of Transportation manages the placement of signs in the public right-of-way. Yard signs (including campaign signs) may be located in planting strips in front of private property with the consent of the occupant of that property. Please review the guidance below to ensure proper placement of these signs.

SIZE AND PLACEMENT GUIDANCE

According to [Seattle Municipal Code 23.55.012.C](#), these signs shall not:

- obstruct pedestrian mobility
- interfere with traffic visibility
- be more than 36 inches in height as measured from the street or driveway grade
- be more than 24 inches in height as measured from the street or driveway grade when located within 30 feet from an intersection

The signs may not:

- exceed 8 square feet in area
- be supported by stakes that are more than one foot in the ground.
- Be attached to City poles or other City infrastructure

ENFORCEMENT

We may issue citations to candidates and ballot issue committees for signs that have been illegally placed in the public right-of-way by their volunteers. We may also remove the signs without notice.

Enforcement can be initiated based on complaints, provided that a specific location and photos are provided. The public may remove illegally placed signs in front of their home or business.

For safety reasons, however, we do not want the public removing signs from medians or traffic circles.

If you have additional questions or would like to register a complaint, contact us at (206) 684-7623 or at 684-Road@seattle.gov

Access to Information

Client Assistance Memos are available online at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/document-library/client-assistance-memos. Paper copies of these documents are available at our Permit Services Counter located on the 23rd floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 5th Avenue in downtown Seattle; phone number (206) 684-5253.