

GUIDE TO TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS
Josephine County, Oregon
2018

Below you will find general information for temporary political signs located within Josephine County. This general information is provided as a convenience, and is not legal advice. Specific information may be found at the statutes, codes or websites listed below. For temporary political signs located within the Cities of Grants Pass and Cave Junction, you may contact the departments or websites listed below.

Oregon law does not allow any campaigning within 100 feet of any polling place during an election.

This includes campaign signs and posters, signature gathering of petitions, exit polling and loud speakers (ORS 260.695(2)). An aerial photo illustrating the 100' radius around the three drop box locations at the Courthouse is attached.

STATE OF OREGON:

Location: No signs are allowed in the state rights-of-way, on right-of-way fences or fence posts, utility poles, trees, rocks, or other natural features, on protected areas of the interstate system, or in designated scenic areas or park lands. Temporary political signs are allowed on private property within view of state highways with the following restrictions:

- * No flashing or intermittent lights, animated or moving parts are allowed.
- * Signs must not block the view of traffic or traffic signs.
- * Signs must not imitate an official highway sign or device.
- * Signs are not allowed in scenic corridors.

Size: Signs must be 12 square feet or less (3x4 is usual) when visible from the state highway unless the state granted an exception (very rare).

Placement and Removal: Signs must be removed within 60 days after the date of placement (except signs erected by residents on the residents' residential property, and in conformance with the Josephine County Rural Land Development Code). Any temporary sign located on a state highway right-of-way will be removed without notice. Call ODOT and they will remove signs in the right-of-way; they will send a letter to the property owner if it violates provisions such as size or duration (60 calendar days per year max).

For more information: Contact the State at 541-757-4211 and ask for a Permit Specialist. See ORS 377.735 and ORS 377.720. www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/SIGNPROGRAM/pages/index.aspx

JOSEPHINE COUNTY: In general, temporary political signs are permitted in accordance with the State rules above. Signs must be 12 square feet or less, and removed within 60 days after the date of placement (except signs erected by a resident on the resident's residential property, and in conformance with the Rural Land Development Code). Signs must be maintained in a neat, clean, and attractive condition. Signs cannot be located within a county, state, or federal right-of-way.

Location: No permanent or temporary signs may be erected or placed in such a manner so that it interferes with or obstruct the view of, or may be confused with any authorized traffic sign.

For more information: Contact Josephine County Planning Department at 541-474-5421. See Rural Land Development Code, Article 74.030, www.co.josephine.or.us

CITY OF GRANTS PASS: Contact Grants Pass Community Development at 541-474-6355. See Grants Pass Municipal Code, Title 9, Land Development & Public Improvements, 9.21.610, www.grantspassoregon.gov/316/Municipal-Code#title9

CITY OF CAVE JUNCTION: Contact City of Cave Junction at 541-592-2156. See City Code, Zoning, General Development Standard Requirements, 17.32.040, www.cavejunctionoregon.us



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