

## **Planning Department – City of Clinton**

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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Political Signs:**

##### **Can I use flashing lights on my signs?**

No, flashing lights are prohibited on all signs inside the city limits, including political signs.

##### **What are the rules for placing the signs next to streets and sidewalks?**

Political signs are allowable in street right of ways, or along streets, provided they meet the following criteria:

- 1.) In non-residential areas the signs should be placed at least three (3) feet from the edge of the road.
- 2.) In areas where a sidewalk is present, the sign should not be placed between the sidewalk and the edge of the road.
- 3.) In residential areas without a sidewalk the signs may be placed next to the road.

This standard is in place to protect city employees who are responsible for maintaining right of way along roadways and to prevent damage to your signs by city crews engaged in right of way maintenance. Signs placed within three (3) feet of the road may be removed by city personnel.

##### **I'd like to staple my signs to light poles. Is that OK?**

No, the City of Clinton Zoning Ordinance prevents attaching any signs of any type to any light pole, utility pole, telephone pole, tree, or fence post. Any signs found attached to light poles, utility poles, telephone poles, trees, or fence posts will be removed.

##### **When can I put my signs out?**

Signs can be placed no more than forty-five (45) days before the election.

##### **Do I have to remove my signs after the election?**

Yes, signs must be removed within ten (10) days of the election. Property owners who allow signs to be left on their property more than ten (10) days after the election will receive a notice to remove the sign within five (5) days of the date of the notice. Failure to remove the sign after receiving a notice may result in a maximum fine of \$100 per day.

##### **City personnel removed my signs because they were in violation of a city ordinance. Where can I pick them up?**

If city personnel remove a political sign because it was in violation of an ordinance, then it will be kept for ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, if no arrangements have been made to pick up the signs, the signs will be destroyed. If you believe that city personnel may have picked up your signs, you may contact the Code Enforcement Office located in the M. S. Bailey Municipal Center at 211 North Broad Street by calling (864) 833-7517.

**Figure 1: Allowable Sign Locations**

