



# Anoka County

## PROPERTY RECORDS & TAXATION DIVISION

Elections & Voter Registration

Campaign signs are an important part of the campaign process. Placement of campaign signs is regulated by state and local laws and ordinances. This important information will assist candidates and supporters to correctly place campaign signs in Anoka County. Signs which pose a safety hazard or are placed in violation of laws and rules may be removed with or without notice. Every effort is made to be fair and impartial in administering the laws which govern signs, so that all candidates can expect equal treatment.

**Prohibited Placement** - Minnesota State Statute 160.27 prohibits placement of signs in certain areas including:

- Placement, painting, printing or affixing on any object within the limits of any highway;
- On private land without the consent of the owner or occupant;
- On public utility poles;
- On trees or shrubs;
- By painting or drawing on rocks or natural features; and
- Within the "right of way" or blocking the sight lines of drivers entering the highway or leaving the highway onto public streets or private driveways

**Determining the Right-of-Way** - Rights-of-way vary from location to location. The following guidelines can be used to determine the right-of-way at most locations in the county. For general reference in determining the county highway right-of-way:

- Power poles and fences are usually located on, or near, the right-of-way lines and are a good reference for the width of highway right-of-way. When locating a sign on the side of the road opposite the power pole or fence, maintain the same distance from roadway centerline as on the side with the poles or fence.
- On improved county roads, in other words those roads with paved shoulders, generally 40 feet or more in width and where no fences or power poles exist, please use 60 feet from the centerline as a guideline for installing campaign signs.
- On unimproved county roads, generally those in the neighborhood of 22 - 30 feet in width, use a distance of at least 33 feet from the centerline for the placement of signs.

If you wish to report other campaign signs located in the right-of-way, please contact the Highway Department at 763-324-3100.

**Safety Hazards** - Signs that pose a safety hazard will be removed. At street locations and driveway intersections, place signs so that they do not block a driver's line of sight for drivers either entering the highway or drivers leaving the highway onto public streets or private driveways.

**City Ordinances** - Please contact city offices directly for city ordinance information.

Andover 763-755-5100

Anoka 763-576-2700

Bethel 763-434-4366

Blaine 763-784-6700

Centerville 651-429-3232

Circle Pines 763-784-5898

Columbia Heights 763-706-3600

Columbus 651-464-3120

Coon Rapids 763-755-2880

East Bethel 763-367-7840

Fridley 763-571-3450

Ham Lake 763-434-9555

Hilltop 763-571-2023

Lexington 763-784-2792

Lino Lakes 651-982-2400

Linwood 651-462-2812

Nowthen 763-441-1347

Oak Grove 763-404-7000

Ramsey 763-427-1410

St. Francis 763-753-2630

Spring Lake Park 763-784-6491