Political Sign Regulations

On private property

- Place signs only with the permission from the property owner or resident.
- In both residential and commercial areas (including apartment complexes) signs cannot exceed 16 square feet per face, and cannot exceed 48 square feet in total for all signs displayed on the property.
- Signs cannot be placed where they interfere with intersection sight distances.
- Signs may be displayed on a vehicle, provided they do not interfere with the ability to lawfully operate the vehicle. Vehicles used or designed for the primary purpose of displaying political signs while the car is parked are not allowed.
- Signs are not allowed in the right of way, which includes the area extending about 11 feet from the back of the street curb and, if there is a sidewalk, at least one foot past the sidewalk. (See below for election exception.)
- Property owners may remove any sign at any time that is on their property, including the right of way.

On publicly owned land

- Signs are prohibited in or adjacent to any public park, public facility or publicly-owned land.
- Signs cannot be affixed to utility poles, trees, streetlights, bridges, benches or similar public structures.

On city right of way during an election

City code prohibits the placement of non-governmental/traffic signs in city right of way. However, Kansas Statute created an exception to allow the placement of political signs in city right of way 45 days before and two days after an election.

Signs placed in city right of way pursuant to the Kansas Statute exception are subject to the following regulations:

- Signs cannot exceed 16 square feet in area per face.
- Signs are prohibited in or adjacent to any public park, public facility or publicly-owned land.
● Signs cannot be affixed to utility poles, trees, streetlights, bridges, benches or similar public structures.
● Signs shall not be in any part of a highway interchange.
● Signs shall be removed from the right of way by either the candidate or the property owner by the end of the second day after an election.

If you have any questions about the location of any specific right of way or area where signs are not allowed, please call the Community Development Department 913-676-8360.