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Campaign signs not permitted on state highway right-of-way

BEMIDJI, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation is reminding candidates running for political office and their campaign volunteers that campaign signs are not permitted on state highway rights-of-way or on public utility poles.

Highway rights-of-way include driving lanes, shoulders, ditches and areas kept clear to improve driver's field of vision.

Placing signs or objects in rights-of-way is a violation of law that carries a maximum of \$1000 fine and/or 90 days in jail. Civil penalties may also apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash.

In addition to campaign signs, other signs not permitted include yard sales, real estate sales and similar events. Signs and objects in rights-of-way can restrict visibility and can cause distractions.

Mn/DOT workers will remove illegally placed signs in state highway rights-of-way and transport them to the nearest Mn/DOT truck station where they may be retrieved.

For information regarding proper placement of signs, right-of-way boundaries, or where to find removed material, call the Mn/DOT Permits Office in Bemidji at 218-755-6578 or Mn/DOT Permits Office in Crookston at 218-277-7964.

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