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## **City encourages lawful use of campaign signs**

ADA – As the municipal election fast approaches, supporters are encouraged to be mindful of city ordinances governing the legal use of signage, which includes campaign signs.

Following is the full text of Section 50-80 of the Ada Municipal Code:

### **Advertising on rights-of-way**

(a) “Advertising sign” means any sign, poster, or placard printed, painted, made, or designed to advertise any person, product, service, sale, auction, or event, including, but not limited to, such items intended for the purpose of furthering or advertising the candidacy of any person who is or intends to become or may be a candidate for election to any public office, whether such public office be in the local, state, or federal government, or any subdivision thereof, but shall not include traffic signs, regulatory signs, warning signs, or other signs placed in the right-of-way by the city or state, nor shall it include surface markers showing the location or route of underground utility facilities or pipelines.

(b) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to erect or display any advertising sign upon any street or public utility easement within the city.

(c) No person, firm, or corporation shall place, tack, nail, staple, or glue any advertising sign on any telephone, electric, cable, or street lighting pole within the city.

(d) Any advertising sign erected or displayed in violation of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. No property right shall exist in any such sign erected, placed, or displayed in violation of the provisions hereof, and such signs may be removed and destroyed by the city or by the owner of the property adjoining the right-of-way or easement.

Violations of city ordinances carry potential fines of up to \$500 plus court costs.

Properly displayed signs are the private property of the owner or candidate and must not be removed by any person other than the owner without permission. Violators may face petit larceny charges.

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