

Candidate Resources

Political Sign Regulations

Complaints

The Whatcom County Auditor's Office does not regulate campaign signs. For violations on state highways, see the contact information for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) below. For violations in Whatcom County, see the contact information for Whatcom County Public Works below. For violations within a city, contact the city clerk.

Washington State

RCW 47.42
WAC 468-66-050

For information regarding the placement of campaign signs along state highways, contact the WSDOT. Political campaign signs must be removed within **10** days after an election.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

Web: www.wsdot.wa.gov Phone: 360-705-7294
email: outdooradvertisingcontrol@wsdot.wa.gov

Whatcom County

Executive Order 89-8

Whatcom County Executive Order 89-8 Placement of Signs on County Road Rights of Way dated November 21, 1989 states:

Areas where temporary signs on road rights of way will be removed:

- On county-owned traffic control or information signs
- Along or within roadway shoulders that might be used by vehicles
- Within 75 feet of any "Stop", "Yield", or "Railroad Crossing" signs
- Any intersections where signs might obstruct a person's ability to observe other vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, etc. at intersections

Signs that are not in compliance will be removed and delivered to Public Works. Unclaimed signs may be discarded after 30 days without compensation to the owner.

Whatcom County Public Works

901 W Smith Rd, Bellingham WA 98226
Phone: 360-778-6400

City of Bellingham

BMC 20.12.040

City of Bellingham Memorandum dated July 25, 2019 states:

Complaints about signs on public property or the planting strip adjacent to public property should be directed to the City agency responsible for that property, e.g. the Parks & Recreation Department or other appropriate agency. Complaints about signs in a public right-of-way (median strips and roundabouts) should be directed to the Public Works Department.

Bellingham Public Works

104 W Magnolia St, Ste 109 Bellingham 98225
Phone: 360-778-7900

Prior to placing signs, it is recommended that you check with the property owner for approval and to determine property line locations.