Dear Public Office Candidate:

We are taking this opportunity, with the election nearing, to familiarize you and your volunteers with the current City regulations concerning temporary signs used during an election. Observation of these regulations (excerpts below) from the Sign Code will enhance the appearance of your professional campaign for election to office, if observed by you and your volunteers. Conversely, lack of attention to these regulations may not only result in the impression of lack of concern for local Sign Code regulations and City Ordinances, but also create complaints to this office.

Section 24.04.190 (10) reads as follows concerning Signs permitted in all Zoning Districts:
No more than one (1) Temporary Sign per fifteen (15) linear feet of street frontage or portion thereof may be located on private property with the permission of the Owner or tenant. Such Signs may be displayed no longer than forty-five (45) days prior to any election and the two (2) day period following any such election. Such signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in area, no more than five (5) feet in height and be located no closer than eight (8) linear feet to a side property line. Such signs may not be lighted or illuminated;

Section 24.04.215 (a) prohibits signs on rights-of-way or public property, and reads as follows:
(a) An unauthorized Temporary Sign in the Right of Way or on public property which is not supported or held by a person or persons is hereby declared to be a nuisance.
(b) The following acts are prohibited:
(2) Any Temporary Sign placed or installed in the Right of Way will be deemed an unlawful sign and an abandoned sign and will be subject to immediate removal by the City of Wichita, or as authorized herein.

In brief, temporary signs used during an election may not be placed on City rights-of-way, or any public property. Signs placed on private property are permitted, subject to the requirements of 24.04.190 (10), as shown above.

This information is furnished only as a general guide to the placement and maintenance of temporary signs used during an election. Your cooperation and compliance with the regulations is greatly appreciated. Signs located improperly on City rights-of-way, and other public property, as noted above, may be removed and impounded as per City Sign Code, in addition to other possible penalties. Please be careful to inform volunteers of this requirement to prevent removal by City crews or Volunteers, other possible penalties, and to limit confusion.

Should you need additional information, please contact the Zoning Enforcement Division (ZED) of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at 316-660-1834.

Sincerely,
John R. Cox, Jr.
ZED Supervisor, MAPD
CORRECT PLACEMENT OF SIGNS

Private Property

Public Property

Public Property

STREET INTERSECTIONS

Check adjacent approaches or sidewalks

Check adjacent approaches or sidewalk cuts and install behind sidewalk cuts

INCORRECT PLACEMENT OF SIGNS

Public Property

Public Property

STREET INTERSECTION

Public Property

Solid Screening Wall

No Sidewalks

SIGNS PLACED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WILL BE REMOVED

Installer must observe adjacent approaches or sidewalks and is responsible for installing behind sidewalk cuts appropriately.