

City of Lansing

Guidelines for Placement of Private Signs in the Public



Guidelines for implementation

Under K.S.A. 25-2711

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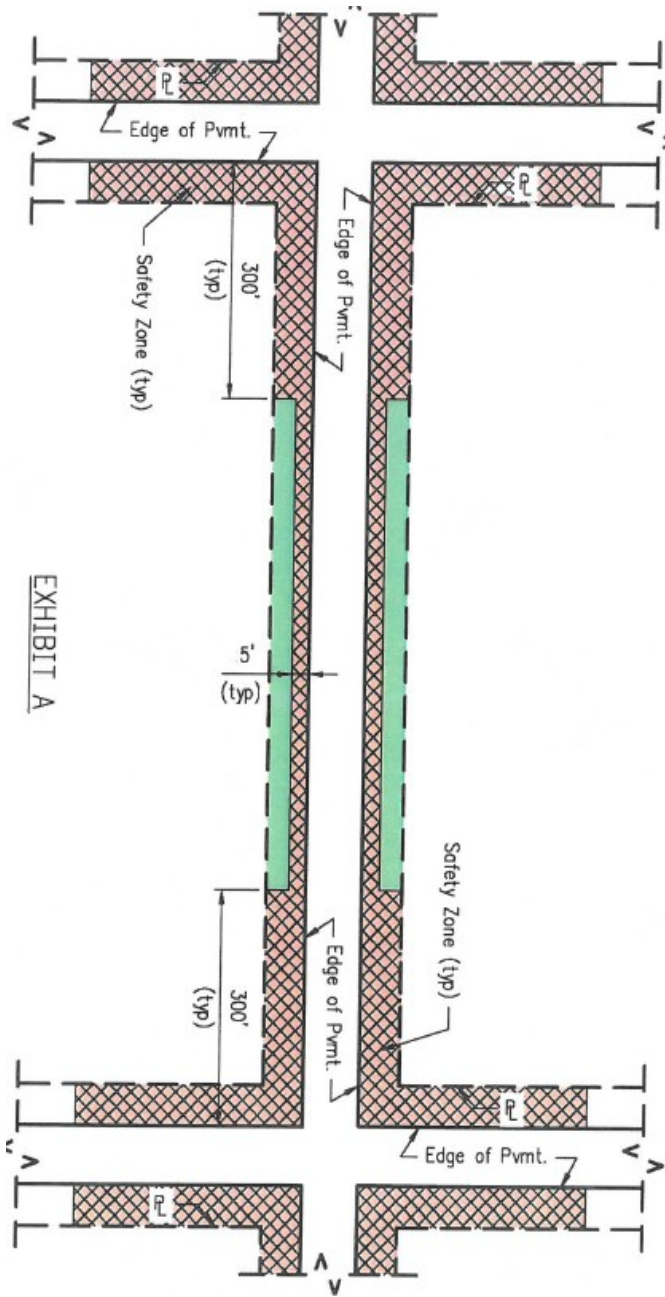
RESOURCES:


www.lansingsks.org (Webpage)


City of Lansing Election Sign Policy

K.S.A. 25-2711 State Statute

City of Lansing Zoning Ordinance



 Designated area during election period

 No signs allowed

WHY THE CITY ESTABLISHED A SIGN POLICY?

- State law prohibits private signs and other obstructions in road right of way.
- In 2015, Kansas Legislature passed K.S.A. 25-2711 to specifically allow placement of political signs in city rights of way during a period of 45 days prior to and 2 days after an election.
- K.S.A. 25-2711 allows local government to regulate signage for safety reasons.
- The Lansing City Council established a policy to balance the safety of the travelling public with constitutional rights of free speech:

K.S.A. 25-2711 Placement of political signs during election period. No city or county shall regulate or prohibit the placement of or the number of political signs on private property or the unpaved right-of-way for city streets or county roads on private property during the 45 day period prior to any election and the two-day period following any such election. Cities and counties may regulate the size and a set back distance for the placement of signs so as not to impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons.

WHAT ARE THE REGULATIONS?

- **Definition of election period:** 45 days before and 2 days after any election scheduled by Leavenworth County Election Commissioner.
- No private signage allowed in City of Lansing right of way outside of any election period.
- During an election period, signs meeting the following standards may be placed in the designated area within the City right of way
 - Sign face no greater than 8 square feet (Residential) and 16 square feet (Commercial and Industrial) **total of both sides**
 - Signs larger than allowable size would need to obtain a sign permit (no fee) in order for city staff to track locations
 - Sign and mounting system must weigh less than 10 pounds
 - Top of sign less than 36 inches above the ground

Designated Area During Election Period:

During an election period, signs meeting the size, weight, and height standards may be placed in the unpaved portion of the city right of way as long as they are 300 feet from a street intersection and at least 5 feet from the edge of the paved surface.

WHAT WILL THE CITY OF LANSING DO WITH SIGN POLICY VIOLATIONS?

- Outside of an election period all signs may be removed and disposed of without notice to the owner.
- During an election period, signage placed outside of the designated area may be removed and disposed of without notice to the owner.
- During an election period, private signs meeting the requirements of the policy will be left in place to the extent practicable.
- During an election period, Public Works employees may temporarily remove and replace or relocate private signs farther back in the right of way in order to perform work in the right of way.

Picture diagram of
Right of Ways

located on opposite side of this
brochure

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