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### City of Beloit Reminds Community of Political Sign Requirements

**September 2, 2020:** Residents wishing to display their support for political candidates are reminded of the city's sign ordinance, which allows the display of political signs while protecting community aesthetics and promoting traffic safety.

If you're planning on displaying a political sign, please follow these requirements:

- Display the sign on private property (with permission if not your own property)
- No larger than 32 square feet
- Place the sign at least 10 feet back from property lines
- Do not display in the public right-of-way or on other government property, including (but not limited to)
  - Parks
  - Street Terraces
  - Medians
  - Vacant Lots

Unlawful signs may be confiscated and/or result in municipal citations being issued. On Election Day, no sign may be displayed on public property within 100 feet of any entrance to a building containing a polling place. If you have any questions or concerns, or to report an unlawful sign, please call 608-364-6700.

In addition, the Beloit Police Department wishes to remind the public that destroying or removing campaign signs from property other than your own is illegal.

Wisconsin Statute 12.13(3)(h) states that “no person may...Deface, destroy or remove any legally placed election campaign advertising poster with intent to disrupt the campaign advertising efforts of any committee registered under Ch. 11, or alter the information printed thereon so as to change the meaning thereof to the disadvantage of the candidate or cause espoused. Nothing in this paragraph restricts the right of any owner or occupant of any real property, or the owner or operator of any motor vehicle, to remove campaign advertising posters from such property or vehicle.”

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