

Political Signs City of Augusta:

While there's nothing in the Land Use Ordinance regarding political signs. The City of Augusta, Code of Ordinances does have the following limitations on political signs.

It prohibits political signs on public property in the compact area (meaning places like city hall and the fire station, not public streets), near the traffic circles (for safety reasons), parks, and school. Other than that, the limitations are those outlined in state law.

§ 207-2 Advertisements political signs and other written material.

A. No person shall place bills or other advertising matter on any post, pole or tree within any street in the City.

B. No person shall place political signs or political advertising matter on or over any park, school lot, traffic circle or other public property within the compact or built-up section of the City.

C. No person shall place, deposit or throw any advertisement, handbill or other written material upon any unoccupied motor vehicle in any parking area used in connection with the Augusta Civic Center and owned or leased by the City, or upon the grounds within such parking area, or within any public way within the City.

D. Violation hereof shall constitute a misdemeanor, and any person found guilty thereof shall be subject to a fine in accordance with Chapter **1**, Article **III**, General Penalty, of the City Code.

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Sec. 13-3. Posting advertisements on posts, trees, etc.; placing political signs on public property; placing written material on unoccupied vehicles.

(b) No person shall place political signs or political advertising matter on or over any park, school lot, traffic circle or other public property within the compact or built-up section of the city.

Sec. 2-460. Other.

(a) No political advertising of any kind or character shall be permitted except for signs and posters displayed during political events at the civic center where a fee has been charged for use of the facility.

Maine Revised Statutes (M.R.S.) Title 23, subsection 1913-A

<http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/23/title23sec1913-A.html>

2. Types of signs outside the right-of-way. The following signs may be erected and maintained outside of the public right-of-way without license or permit as long as they meet applicable provisions of this subsection and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter:

E. Signs bearing political messages

M.R.S. Title 23 §1917-A. Unlawful removal of political signs

1. Taking, defacing or disturbing political sign; civil violation. A person who takes, defaces or disturbs a lawfully placed sign bearing political messages relating to a general election, primary

election or referendum commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of up to \$250 may be adjudged.

2. Application. This section does not apply to:

A. A person authorized by a candidate or political committee to remove signs placed by or at the direction of that candidate or political committee; and

B. The landowner, or agent of the landowner, on whose property a sign has been placed.

Signs may be erected within the right of way no sooner than six (6) weeks prior to an election and removed no later than one (1) week following the date of the election.