

# VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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### **VAN BUREN COUNTY REMINDER: SIGNS ARE PROHIBITED IN RIGHT-OF-WAY**

#### ***THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .***

As the November 5 General Election approaches, the Van Buren County Road Commission is reminding political campaigns and their supporters that political signs placed within a county road right-of-way will be removed. Improperly placed signs, including political, real estate, and garage sale signs, can create safety hazards by blocking a driver's view.

"Michigan law prohibits the placement of non-standard signs, such as political, real estate and garage sale, in the county road right-of-way. They can become a real problem for motorists, both by restricting vision and creating a potential collision hazard. We understand that signs are placed to help businesses and to promote candidates, but rights-of-way must stay clear of anything which has not been permitted, except authorized mailbox mountings," said Van Buren County Road Commission Managing Director, Bret Witkowski. "Everyone's assistance in monitoring temporary sign placement is to the benefit of the traveling public's safety."

Signs placed along roadways in Van Buren County must be placed more than 33 feet from the centerline of the roadway on private property with landowner permission and following local ordinances. Illegally placed signs may be removed by the Road Commission at its discretion.

Political candidates, businesspeople, and citizens who believe their signs may have been removed by Van Buren County Road Commission crews may contact the Road Commission at 269-674-8011 or via email at [vbcrc@vbcrc.org](mailto:vbcrc@vbcrc.org) to make arrangements for pickup. Signs not claimed within 14 days of their removal may be discarded.

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