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The campaign season is now officially under way, and with it comes the appearance of political signs and advertisements. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify the laws surrounding the placement of these signs to assure that we keep our highways safe and clear throughout the next few months.

Rhode Island state law prohibits anyone from placing political signs on state property along the road. Our Highway & Bridge Maintenance crews will routinely monitor these areas throughout the campaign season and remove all the signs found to be in violation. We require the candidates to remove the more permanent, large, wood framed signs within 5 business days. RIDOT will not be responsible for any damages incurred during the removal and storage of illegally placed signs on state property. The signs will be stored at the nearest maintenance facility, where they may be picked up weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A full list of facilities can be found at <http://www.dot.ri.gov/about/>. All unclaimed signs will be disposed of 30 days following the election on November 3, 2020.

Should you have any questions about this policy or want to verify whether a sign can be placed in a particular area, please feel free to contact our office at (401) 563-4980.

Sincerely,

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