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## **MDOT urges compliance with sign-placement rules**

**June 25, 2010** -- As campaign signs again begin appearing along state highways, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is reminding political candidates and property owners that political signs must conform to state regulations for placement.

"The closer we get to elections, the more illegally-placed political signs we see along our state highways," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Our primary concern is the safety of the motoring public, and we want to make sure these signs do not become safety hazards by impeding anyone's vision. The larger the signs, the greater the potential risk."

Signs must be placed more than 30 feet from the edge of the roadway (or from the white line along the edge) on highways without barrier-type curbs. On highways with barrier curbs, the signs must be more than 3 feet from the back of the curb. Signs are not allowed within clear vision areas at intersections or commercial driveways, or within limited access rights of way. Any signs with either steel or wooden posts that do not meet MDOT safety standards are not allowed in the right of way.

Candidates are responsible for obtaining approval from adjacent property owners before placing signs. Signs must be removed within 10 days after the election.

Campaign signs that do not meet these criteria will be removed. Candidates can pick up any removed signs at local MDOT offices and maintenance garages. Signs not claimed within seven days of their removal will be discarded.

Steudle added, "It's not just campaign signs that can pose a potential safety risk. Real estate companies and other sign users need to make sure they have proper sign placement and sign type along MDOT's right of way as well."

For more information on campaign sign placement standards, visit the MDOT Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-42456-147773--F,00.html>.

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