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Re: Election Signs within Public Rights of Way

Dear Candidate,

With the November 2025 elections approaching, the Town of Christiansburg is contacting all political campaigns to request your assistance in ensuring that campaign signs are not placed within public rights-of-way.

Section 33.2-1224 of the Code of Virginia prohibits placing signs on state rights-of-way, including campaign signs. In addition, the Christiansburg Town Code, Article XXIV, Sec. 42-705(c)(2), prohibits signs on public land or within the public right-of-way unless approved in writing by an authorized Town official. Any sign not so authorized is subject to immediate removal and disposal by Town staff. Please note that the Town will not reimburse for or replace removed signs placed within public right-of-way.

The public right-of-way is the land reserved for public ownership and use of streets, typically forming the common boundary line for properties adjoining a public street. This area usually includes the entire roadway, sidewalks, medians, drainage ditches, and the space between utility lines or fences along the outer edges of the street. As a practical guide, the back side of water meters or power poles often provides a good approximation of the right-of-way limits. Signs placed in the right-of-way not only put campaign workers and Town staff at risk near busy roads but can also distract drivers and obstruct clear lines of sight.

Please be aware that Town staff are instructed to remove unauthorized signs from public rights-of-way. The cost of this removal comes directly from Town funds, reducing resources available for other community needs.

We recognize that your campaign efforts may already be underway. If you have previously received communications from the Town on this matter, please accept this letter as a reminder of the importance of keeping public rights-of-way clear of signage. If you have already taken steps to comply, we sincerely thank you for your cooperation.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please visit the Town's website for additional information on sign placement or feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Randy Wingfield
Town Manager