

ORDINANCE NO. 86-83

CONTROL OF POLITICAL SIGNS

1) The Control of signs on the right-of-way areas of County roads in Mason County is hereby declared to be necessary to promote the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and enjoyment of public travel.

2) Any political sign erected or maintained on County road rights-of-way of Mason County which remains more than fifteen days following the election for which it is intended shall be a public nuisance and the County Sheriff shall notify the candidate of the location of said signs, or if there is no candidate, the campaign treasurer, in writing, and that it constitutes a public nuisance and must be removed. If the sign is not removed within thirty days after receiving notice, the County can abate the nuisance and remove the sign. The candidate or campaign treasurer shall be liable to the County for the expense of abating said nuisance.

3) If the candidate, or campaign treasurer, notified as in 2) above, shall fail to remove any such sign within thirty days after being notified to remove such sign, he or she may be charged with a misdemeanor and if found guilty, may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$250.00 or by confinement in the Mason County jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days or by both such fine and confinement. In addition to the penalties imposed herein upon conviction, an order may be entered compelling removal of the sign.

4) Definitions:

a) "Political sign" means any sign, display, device, figure, painting, drawing, message, placard, poster, billboard or other thing which is designed, intended or used to advertise any candidate, initiative, referendum, bond issue, proposition, or any other ballot measure which is voted upon or to be voted upon at any primary, general or special election.

b) "Election for which it is intended" means the specific primary, general, or special election at which the candidate or issue being advertised is voted upon, and shall mean the primary election for all candidates whose names will not appear on the general election ballot.

c) "Candidate" - see RCW 42.17.020(5)

d) "Campaign treasurer" - see RCW 42.17.020(4)

e) "County road" means any public roadway within Mason County and shall include any primary or secondary state highway.

DATED this 29th day of August, 1983.

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