

Public Notice: Rules for Political Signs

(RSA 664:17)

To All Residents, Candidates, and Campaigns:

Please be aware of the following guidelines for the placement, removal, and handling of political signs as outlined in RSA 664:17:

1. Placement of Political Signs:

- **Public Property:** No political signs may be placed on or affixed to public property, including town rights-of-way, without consent.
- **Private Property:** Signs may only be placed with the **owner's consent**.
- **Utility Poles/Highway Signs:** Signs are prohibited from being placed on utility poles or highway signs.
- **State-Owned Rights-of-Way:** Signs may be placed within state-owned rights-of-way, provided:
 - They **do not obstruct traffic**.
 - They are placed with the **landowner's consent** for land over which the right-of-way passes.

2. Removal of Political Signs:

- Candidates must remove all signs **by the second Friday after the election**.
- Signs placed on public property may be removed by **state or town personnel** before Election Day.
- Removed signs will be kept **until one week after the election** at a location designated by the town for retrieval. (Contact the Town Code Enforcement Officer if you've had a sign removed)

3. Handling and Removal of Signs:

- Only the **property owner, an authorized individual, or law enforcement** may remove signs from private property.
- **Defacing, destroying, or unlawfully removing** political signs is prohibited.
- Improperly placed signs on public property may be removed by state or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel.

For more information, please refer to RSA 664:17 or contact your local municipal office. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth and lawful election process.

If your sign has been removed by the Town, it will be held at the Town Hall, located at 6 Village Green, for one week. To confirm if your sign has been collected and to arrange a pickup time, please contact John Lozowski, Code Enforcement Officer at 603-508-3095.

Thank you! – Pelham Planning Department