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Press Release

Political Signs Prohibited In State Rights-Of-Ways

Santa Fe - With election season quickly approaching, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) would like to remind political campaigns that department rules prohibit the placement of political signs within NMDOT's rights-of-ways. Signs in these areas are a public safety issue because they can impede a driver's visibility and distract motorists from existing legal traffic signs.

New Mexico Administrative Code 18.20.5.15

(<http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/NMAC/parts/title18/18.020.0005.htm>) states, "Signs and political posters are not allowed on highway right-of-way and may be summarily removed from the highway right-of-way without notice to the owner, if any, thereof."

Signs that are placed in these areas will be removed by NMDOT and stored at district headquarters or at local patrol yards where they can be retrieved during normal business hours.

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