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NEWS RELEASE

Stearns County would like to remind property owners that placement of campaign signs and other unauthorized signs or objects in highway rights of way is prohibited under MN State Statute 160.27. In addition, campaign signs may not be placed on private property outside of the right of way limits without landowner consent. Highway rights of way typically include the driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections.

Crews will remove any unlawfully placed signs and impound them at one of the County's local maintenance garages. County staff will hold the signs at the garage for a period of thirty days. During that time the owners may come to claim the signs. If not claimed after thirty days county staff may discard the signs.

Violation of this law is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties also may apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash and injures a person or damages a motor vehicle that runs off the road.