

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In re: An Ordinance relating)
to posting and removal of signs)
along county roads.)
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AMENDED
ORDINANCE NO. 86-8

WHEREAS, the view of motor vehicle operators traveling along county roads should not be obstructed by signs which could interfere with the operation of motor vehicles, and

WHEREAS, county roads right of way should not be blocked or obstructed in a way that affects either motorists or the county's ability to maintain the right of way; now therefore

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. RULES RELATING TO SIGNS ALONG HIGHWAYS ADOPTED FOR COUNTY ROADS.

Columbia County hereby adopts regulations contained in Oregon Administrative Rules 733-20-050 and the provisions of ORS 377.720 and ORS 377.775, which are by this reference incorporated as though fully set forth herein and made applicable to county roads and county road rights of way. The Roadmaster, the Sheriff, and any peace officer shall be responsible for enforcing this ordinance by first contacting the owner of the sign. This ordinance may be referred to as the "Columbia County Road Sign Ordinance."

2. PROHIBITION. No person shall place or cause to be placed along a county road any sign which is placed in violation of paragraph 1 of this ordinance. No property owner shall permit a sign posted in violation of this Ordinance to remain on the county road right of way abutting his or her property, or on his or her property adjacent to the county road right of way.

In the case of signs related to a political campaign, the term "person" as used in this Ordinance includes political candidates, election or re-election committees, and property owners of land abutting the point where the sign is placed. The maximum permissible size for a temporary political sign is 32 square feet, which includes the front and rear sides. Any signs erected under these provisions must be removed within 30 days after the election. Each such person may be held jointly and severally liable for violating this ordinance.

3. PENALTY. Violations of this Ordinance are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$150.00 per sign.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective on September 17, 1986.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY,

This 17th day of September 1986.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Michael J. Dykes
Chairman

X Aye ___ Nay

X Aye ___ Nay

X Aye ___ Nay

Jack R. Peterson
Commissioner

Walton E. Thompson
Commissioner

First Reading 9/17/86

Second Reading 9/17/86

Roberta Stuss
Recording Secretary

Exposition, Fairs, and Rodeo Signs

733-20-030 (1) Location: Exposition, fair and rodeo signs may be erected in the following locations:

(a) On private property within view of state highways except designated scenic areas;

(b) On county, city, or state-owned property, with the approval of the controlling authority and subject to the conditions and provisions imposed by such authority;

(c) Such signs are prohibited on interstate highway right of way or within view of interstate highways in protected areas.

(2) Size: The maximum permissible size for an exposition, fair and rodeo sign is as follows:

(a) Height 10 feet, excluding supports;

(b) Length 15 feet.

(3) Number: Not more than two such signs may be erected and maintained that are readable by the traveling public proceeding in any one direction on any one highway for any one exposition, fair, or rodeo.

(4) Removal: Removal shall be within 6 weeks after date of erection and no later than 24 hours after closing of advertised event. Failure to remove will result in removal by the Highway Engineer or his duly authorized representative.

Stat. Auth.: ORS Ch. 377

Hist: TIC 5, f. & ef. 9-24-75; TIC 6, f. & ef. 5-21-76; TIC 12, f. & ef. 11-18-77; TIC 5-1978, f. & ef. 5-19-78

Temporary Agricultural Directional Signs

733-20-035 (1) Location: Temporary agricultural directional signs may be located as follows:

(a) On private property on which the agricultural products are grown, within view of a state highway;

(b) Such signs are prohibited in interstate highway right of way areas and designated scenic areas unless the sign is an on-premise sign.

(2) Size: The maximum permissible size for temporary agricultural directional signs is as follows:

(a) Height 4 feet, excluding supports;

(b) Length 8 feet.

(3) Number: Two signs readable by the traveling public proceeding in any one direction on any one state highway are permitted for any one agricultural site.

(4) Signs erected under this rule are subject to the provisions of ORS 377.720.

(5) Removal: Signs must be removed upon completion of the sale of the product. Failure to remove will result in removal as provided in ORS 377.775.

Stat. Auth.: ORS Ch. 377

Hist: TIC 5, f. & ef. 9-24-75; TIC 6, f. & ef. 5-21-76; TIC 12, f. & ef. 11-18-77; TIC 5-1978, f. & ef. 5-19-78

Property for Sale Signs

733-20-040 (1) Location: Property for sale signs are allowed on the property for sale, adjacent to and within view of a state highway.

(2) Size: The maximum permissible size for property for sale signs is as follows:

(a) Height 10 feet, excluding supports;

(b) Length 15 feet.

(3) Number: One sign visible to each direction of travel on any one highway that borders the property for sale is allowed for each property site.

(4) Signs erected under this rule are subject to the provisions of ORS 377.720.

(5) Removal: Signs must be removed upon completion of sale. Failure to remove such signs will result in removal by the state under the provisions of ORS 377.775.

Stat. Auth.: ORS Ch. 377

Hist: TIC 5, f. & ef. 9-24-75; TIC 6, f. & ef. 5-21-76; TIC 12, f. & ef. 11-18-77; TIC 5-1978, f. & ef. 5-19-78

Church Directional Signs

733-20-045 (1) Location: Church directional signs are permitted on private property adjacent to a state highway; such signs are prohibited in designated scenic areas or park lands, in protected areas of the interstate highway system; at a location more than one mile from the church or the nearest point where the traveling public must leave the state highway for access to the church; and on state highway right of way.

(2) Size: The maximum permissible size for church directional signs is six square feet.

(3) Number: One sign visible to each direction of travel on any one highway approaching the church is allowed for each church.

(4) Signs erected under this rule are subject to the provisions of ORS 377.720.

(5) Removal: Signs erected under this rule shall be removed as provided in ORS 377.775.

Stat. Auth.: ORS Ch. 377

Hist: TIC 12, f. & ef. 11-18-77; TIC 5-1978, f. & ef. 5-19-78

Temporary Political Signs

733-20-050 (1) Location: Temporary political signs may be erected on private property. Such signs are not permitted on state highway right of way, on trees, utility poles, on right of way fence posts or natural features, in protected areas of the interstate system, in designated scenic areas or park lands. Installing signs from controlled access highways right of way is not permitted.

(2) Size: The maximum permissible size for temporary political signs is 32 square feet. (i.e., 4 ft. x 8 ft).

(3) Erection and Removal: Signs erected under this rule are subject to the following conditions:

(a) Signs must be removed within 30 days after election date;

(b) Regulations prohibit other than official signs on a state highway right of way. Any temporary political sign located on state highway right of way may be removed without notice.

(4) Signs erected under this rule are subject to ORS 377.720.

(5) Temporary political signs which do not comply with this rule shall be removed in accordance with ORS 377.775.

Stat. Auth.: ORS Ch. 184 & 377

Hist: TIC 12, f. & ef. 11-18-77; TIC 5-1978, f. & ef. 5-19-78; TIC 1-1982, f. & ef. 1-5-82; TIC 1-1983, f. & ef. 5-11-83