

## **RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **SIGNS**

Under the provisions of 23 M.R.S.A., Section 1913-A, Maine Law on Elections Title 21-A, and Department of Transportation regulations, political posters and signs may be erected and maintained as follows.

Signs may be erected within the Right of Way Limits of public ways no sooner than six (6) weeks prior to an election. **For the November 2, 2010 Election, signs may be erected beginning on September 21, 2010.**

Signs must be removed no later than one (1) week following the election. **Signs should be removed by November 9, 2010 for the November 2, 2010 Election.**

Political posters and signs shall not be erected on any traffic control signs or devices, public utility poles or fixtures, upon any trees or painted or drawn upon rocks or other natural features.

No person shall place any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device, such as a stop sign.

Political signs may be displayed to view to all public ways **except** for the Interstate Highway System. Signs may not be placed within the limits of any controlled access highway or erected within 660 ft. of the nearest edge of the Interstate Highway System in such a manner that the message may be read from the Interstate Highway.

Traffic safety should be of the utmost consideration in the placement of political signs or posters. Candidates and/or their campaign workers should take great care not to place signs or posters where they could create a traffic hazard. For example, signs or posters should not be placed at or near intersections where they could obstruct the view of on-coming traffic to the motorist entering the intersection.

Political advertisements are not permitted on state or town owned or leased property.

**Political signs or posters are prohibited within 250' of the entrance to the voting place on Election Day.** The voting places in the Town of Gorham are the Gorham Middle School on Weeks Road and the Gorham Municipal Center. The Gorham Municipal Center is also considered a voting place for 45 days preceding any Election during which time the Town Clerk's office will be conducting absentee voting. The display or distribution of any advertising material intended to influence a voter's decision is prohibited within the Town Clerk's office and on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the Town Clerk's office.

### **CANDIDATES AT THE POLLS**

Within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not influence or attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate or ballot issue. Candidates may be at the voting place and orally communicate with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote. A candidate may not state that they are running for any office or request a person's vote at the voting place on Election Day.