

TOWN OF HOULTON, ME

Sec. 40 Political Campaign Signs

A. Signs bearing political messages relating to an election, or primary or referendum, may be placed in the following locations six (6) weeks prior to the election, to which they relate and must be removed by the candidate or political committee within, but not more than one (1) week thereafter. This Ordinance also includes all local elections, e.g., RSU#29 budget validation referendums and Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Union Square
Market Square
Monument Park
Pierce Park
Riverfront Park
Tourist Information Center Rest Area

Provided said signs do not unnecessarily interfere with the vehicular or foot traffic in these areas.

No signs pursuant to Section A may be erected or maintained on any traffic control signs or devices, public utility poles or fixtures, or on any trees.

B. Within all zones of the Town of Houlton political campaign signs relating to an election or primary or referendum may be placed on private property with the landowners' consent six (6) weeks prior to the election, primary or referendum to which they relate and must be removed by the candidate or political committee within, but no more than one (1) week thereafter. For the purpose of this ordinance, property ownership shall be determined to be to the centerline of the abutting way.

C. Signs bearing political messages may be placed on private property by the landowner or with written permission of the landowner.

D. Violation of this Ordinance shall subject the violator to a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day, twenty-four (24) hours after notification of the violation by the Code Enforcement Officer, which shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Houlton.

E. Code Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to remove and hold any sign placed in violation of this ordinance after notification of the violation or within 24 hours before any election, primary or referendum, whichever period occurs earliest. Removed signs shall be returned to the owner of said sign on payment of the fine for violations. Signs unclaimed by election day shall be disposed of at the expense of the owner.