

BANDIT SIGNS

FAQ

Q: What is a bandit sign?

A: A bandit sign is any sign which is illegally placed in a restricted area, often advertising anything from new homes to weight-loss products.

Q: Is it legal for citizens to remove bandit signs?

A: While it is legal for citizens to remove bandit signs, the City of Austin strongly recommends that citizens instead contact code officials to deal with the matter. All citizens are urged to call 3-1-1, and can do so anonymously.

Q: Where can I legally place signage?

A: Legal signage includes any signs placed on private property.

Q: Is it possible to obtain a permit to place signage in non-private areas?

A: At this time, the City of Austin does not issue any permits which allow citizens to post signage in any public or otherwise restricted areas.

Q: Does the content play a part in where a sign can go?

A: No, however, signage is not allowed in the Right of Way.

Q: What are the consequences for posting bandit signage?

A: Bandit signage will be removed by code officials. While first time offenders may be issued a warning, repeat offenders will receive fines (a maximum of \$2000) for each sign that is found to be illegally placed.





REMINDER

The City of Austin sign ordinance (§ 25-10-103) includes campaign signs as being prohibited on public property and in public right-of-way.

Campaign signs should not be placed in a median, at intersection corners, on traffic islands, attached to utility poles, traffic sign poles, or on any other public property.

The City is not required to give notice before removing signs. However, as a courtesy to candidates, if a valid complaint is received or if a Code Officer observes a sign in a prohibited location, the Austin Code Department will **attempt to reach the responsible party** to remind them of the sign ordinance. They will request that the sign be voluntarily **removed within 24 hours**. If the sign is not voluntarily removed or if any additional signs are observed in a prohibited location, after the reminder, the campaign sign will be removed, and no additional notice will be given.

Austin Code will collect and dispose of all signs that are not removed within 24 hours.

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