



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS ALONG COUNTY ROADS**

The Crow Wing County Highway Department wants to remind the public that State law prohibits the placement of advertisements within the right of way limits on any highway in Minnesota, (Minnesota Statutes, section 160.27), which includes political signs.

In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act (Minnesota Statutes, Section 173.15) prohibits erecting advertising devices on private land without the consent of the owner or occupant, on public utility poles, on trees or shrubs, or by painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

County Highway Maintenance Workers are currently out mowing ditches. Improperly placed signs slow mowing operations which results in fewer miles mowed along our roadways each day. Also of concern are unauthorized signs that impact sight distances and create safety concerns.

Improperly placed signs are subject to removal by Highway Department employees. The County Highway Department will make every effort to be fair and impartial so that all are treated equally under the law.

Signs removed from the road right of ways will be taken to either the Brainerd Shop at 16589 County Road 142 or the Crosslake Shop at 13780 Whipple Drive, depending on the area where they are removed. Signs will be available for retrieval at these locations.

If you need assistance in identifying the right of way of a particular county road, please contact the Crow Wing County Highway Department office at (218) 824-1110.

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