

Right-of-Way Beautification Training



Section 98-7 of the Springfield City Code prohibits the placement of advertisements within the right-of-way of any public thoroughfare.

The ordinance is designed to ensure visibility for drivers and to reduce litter in areas where Springfield Public Works mows grass. This ordinance is difficult to enforce, and signs are typically removed only on a complaint basis or when Public Works employees mow grass in a right-of-way. For this reason, the City is seeking volunteers interested in beautification to help spot and remove illegal signs in the right-of-way.

Volunteers will receive training by City staff, and will be able to conduct their work on their own time. The City will not ask volunteers to remove out-of-reach signs; signs related to the sale or lease of property; political signs; signs advertising on-premises businesses; or any signs on private property. Instead, these will be referred to City staff for further enforcement.

Signs that may be removed by volunteers include **any off-premises business or activity advertised in the right-of-way or on telephone poles.**

As they keep an eye on beautification, volunteers may also report other concerns such as **broken curbs, potholes, graffiti, dead animals, trash, and tall weeds.** Volunteers assisting the City must be at least 18 years of age and are required to sign a release form.



Contact Julie Greer at 864-1116 for additional information.