



Policy for Unauthorized Placement of Private Signs Within the Public Rights-of-Way

The Indiana Code, Tippecanoe County Code, and the Tippecanoe County Unified Zoning Ordinance prohibits the placement of private signs and other obstructions within the public rights-of-way (ROW) for streets and highways. Signs, including advertisements, realty signs, and political campaign signs should only be placed on private property. Highway staff will remove encroaching signs as part of their normal maintenance activities. Recovered signs are taken to the Highway Garage at 3550 Brady Lane, Lafayette (765) 474-7079, where they may be reclaimed by their owners within 30 days of removal.

Although the public ROW varies throughout the county, the following describes the typical boundaries:

- In an urban street cross section, such as a subdivision, where a street has curb, gutter and sidewalk, the public ROW usually extends 1' beyond the sidewalk on the private property side.
- In a rural street cross section, where there is typically a shoulder and side ditch, the ROW includes those elements of the road and most often the utility poles.
- On state and federal highways, there are often large concrete ROW markers which delineate the edge of the ROW, but the side ditch and utility poles are also a guide.

Signs found on trees, utility poles, and other structures within the ROW will also be removed. Questions regarding signs and the ROW should be directed to the Tippecanoe County Highway Department (765) 423-9210, or email highway@tippecanoe.in.gov.



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Blackthorn Subdivision resident:

The Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department has handled complaints regarding garage sale signs being placed on the property at 3601 US Highway 52 West. This residence is located on the south side of US 52 and to the west of Kerfoot Drive. I recently met with an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) representative at the intersection of US 52 and Kerfoot Drive who confirmed that no signs are to be placed anywhere adjacent to US 52 without permission from INDOT. There is a setback line from US 52 back to the south where signs cannot be placed. There is a distinct change in the asphalt surface on Kerfoot Drive south of US 52. That is the approximate area of the setback line for INDOT. This would also hold true for the northeast corner of the intersection. Any questions regarding INDOT's setback line should be directed to INDOT at (765) 361-5607.

The intent of this letter is to ask all residents to stop placing **any** signs on the property of this residence and the Northeast corner of the intersection. Signs cannot be affixed to any street signs/posts as well. I met with Tippecanoe County Highway, Area Plan Commission and Tippecanoe County Building Commissioners to discuss this along the county jurisdiction side; Kerfoot Drive. Signs cannot legally be placed on this property along Kerfoot Drive as well. There is a "right of way" along Kerfoot Drive. However, this right of way is only for utility and maintenance work and not an area for anyone to place signs. If you received permission from the property owners of the land on the east side of Kerfoot Drive, south of INDOT's setback line, you may place them there.

There have been instances in which heated discussions and threats have been communicated. My goal is to prevent any future issues by asking you to please not place any signs on the properties listed above. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Captain Terry Ruley

Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department