

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND MOBILE POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN PAROWAN CITY LIMITS
ORDINANCE DATED NOVEMBER 14TH, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Parowan City Council desires to restrict the placement of political signs within the public right-of-way and regulate the use of mobile political signs to ensure public safety, prevent obstructions, and maintain the aesthetic integrity of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Parowan has determined that political signs in the public right-of-way, as well as mobile political signs on vehicles and trailers, may pose risks to public safety, including obstruction of vision, interference with traffic control devices, and potential hazards to pedestrians and drivers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to regulate the use of mobile political signs that are primarily used for advertising purposes, while balancing the protection of free speech.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Subsection §20A-17-103, Utah Code Annotated, the City Council of Parowan City, Utah, hereby adopts and passes the following:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PAROWAN, UTAH AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND MOBILE POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF PAROWAN, UTAH

15.50.070 Political Signs in the Public Right-of-Way and Mobile Political Signs

1. Prohibition of Political Signs in the Public Right-of-Way

The placement of political signs within any public right-of-way in the City of Parowan is hereby prohibited. This includes any signage that promotes, opposes, or influences the outcome of an election or referendum, or that advocates for or against a candidate or political party.

2. Prohibition of Mobile Political Signs

Mobile political signs, including but not limited to signs displayed on vehicles, trailers, or any movable structure, are prohibited within the corporate limits of Parowan when the primary purpose is to advertise or promote a political cause, candidate, or issue. This prohibition applies to any sign that is displayed on a vehicle or trailer when the primary purpose is for political advertising, regardless of whether the vehicle or trailer is stationary or moving.

3. Exceptions to Mobile Political Signs

The prohibition on mobile political signs shall not apply to signs that meet the following criteria:

- The sign is **less than 4 square feet** in size.

- The vehicle is only parked in the public right of way for incidental reasons and not for the express purpose of advertising.

4. Removal of Violating Signs

Political signs placed in violation of this ordinance, whether stationary in the public right-of-way or mobile on vehicles and trailers, shall be considered a public nuisance and may be removed by the City. The City shall have the authority to remove any political sign found within the public right-of-way or any mobile political sign at the property owner or vehicle owner or political party's expense.

5. Noncompliance

Failure to remove political signs or mobile political signs in violation of this ordinance after receiving a notice of violation may result in fines and penalties, as established by the City, and further legal actions, including the removal of signs at the property owner or vehicle owner or political party's expense.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Parowan, Iron County, State of Utah, this 14th day of November 2024.

PAROWAN CITY

Mollie Halterman, Mayor

VOTING:

AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT

David Burton	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rochell Topham	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sharon Downey	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
John Dean	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____
David Harris	✓	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attested by:

Callie Bassett, City Recorder



