



St. James Parish Government COMMUNICATIONS



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Signage Regulations in St. James Parish

With election season fully underway, there are many signs being placed throughout the Parish, in addition to garage sale signs, real estate signs, event posters, etc.

All signs need to follow parish ordinance, DOTD statute, and guidelines from the Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD) and Lafourche Basin Levee District (LBLD). Improperly placed signs block servitudes, preventing Parish employees, DOTD, the PLD, and LBLD from effectively doing their jobs and risks damaging equipment.

Beginning September 21, 2023, the St. James Parish Operations Department, PLD, and LBLD will be removing all temporary signage, including political signage, from public servitudes. This does not apply to signs placed on private property. This action is being initiated to prevent damage to equipment and allow effective parish maintenance.

This policy is in accordance with St. James Parish Ordinance [Sec. 90-114](#), DOTD statute, as well as PLD and LBLD policy. It is against Louisiana Law (see [RS 48:347](#)) to place signs within the right of way of a state highway.

According to the DOTD, “A good rule of thumb is to place your sign behind existing utility poles on property where you have received permission from the private property owner. Most utilities are within the DOTD right-of-way.”

Unfortunately, this is not an issue just in St. James Parish, many other parishes throughout the state are experiencing the same problem and are having to pull up signs to protect equipment purchased with taxpayer dollars.

Signs are being held and can be picked up at the Pontchartrain Levee Board, located at 9620 Highway 44, Convent, LA 70723 or the Lafourche Basin Levee District, located at 21380 La Highway 20, Vacherie 70090