

Hello Ms. Townsend:

May I respond here to the allegations from Mr. Olson. Looks like two:

1. You are correct, this info is missing from my magnetic car signs. I was unaware when purchasing. May I add, with permanent marker, "Paid for by Candidate, PO Box 1834, Ferndale, WA, 98248"). Would that remedy this problem? The signs are 12 x 24 inches. Is there a size writing required? There is room.

2. These magnets are on my car, and sometimes my car is on city property (city hall, court, parks, etc.). I spoke to the PDC about this practice already and I thought this was all right. If I am incorrect I shall no longer park in the city hall parking lot. Here (first paragraph) is the question I asked of Chip Beatty from WA PDC. Then follows his answer. If you can clarify I am pleased to comply. Again, my question and his answer led me to believe they are ok:

**Campaign Question:**

If a vehicle comes into a City owned parking lot (library, city hall, Park, etc) and has campaign bumper stickers and/or campaign signs (magnetic signs) on it, is this a violation of state law on using public property for elections or campaigns?

Does it matter who owns the car: a candidate for office? A current city office holder? None of the above?

An elected official has charged this as a violation during this campaign season.

Thank you, Jon Mutchler

Answer from PDC and Chip Beatty:

Good morning Jon,

The [Guidelines for Local Governments](#) states the following;

Management staff, their designees and agency personnel "May place window signs or bumper stickers on their cars, even if those cars are parked on government agency property during working hours".

SINCERELY,  
Chip Beatty  
Training Program Administrator  
360-586-0616

And then also:

Hi Jon,

Additionally, if we allow agency personnel to participate in this activity, we would also allow other individuals to do the same.

SINCERELY,  
Chip Beatty  
Training Program Administrator  
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And another followup (see underlined)

1. In your initial question you asked "Does it matter who owns the car: a candidate for office? A current city office holder? None of the above?" When I sent you the first reply, it covered agency personnel, office holders, etc. Then I realized that I did not include any reference to private individuals which is why I sent the second reply.
2. Did you read the Guidelines I included in my first response? That document clearly reads **that signs and bumper stickers on vehicles is allowed on public property.**

Since my question included "magnetic **signs**" I assume his answer was they are ok in city lots.

Can you clarify please so I may comply.

Thank you

Jon