

Respondent Names
Tyler Byrd
Complainant Name
Patricia Mullett
Complaint Description
<p>Patriciamullettwa reported via the portal (Mon, 23 Jun 2025 at 8:55 AM)</p> <p>Complaint Summary: I am filing this complaint to report a potential violation of Washington State’s political advertising laws by Tyler Byrd, a candidate for Whatcom County Council. Based on a photograph I possess of the candidate’s campaign yard signs, they appear to lack the required sponsor identification, as mandated by RCW 42.17A.320 and WAC 390-18-030.</p> <p>These signs were being distributed at the Whatcom County Republican Party Meeting on Thursday, June 12, where they were made available for attendees to take home. I have attached a photograph of the signs that were available at the meeting. Additionally, I have included a photograph of one of Mr. Byrd's campaign signs as it was displayed in a yard within Whatcom County.</p> <p>Relevant Statutes and Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.17A.320: Requires all political advertising, including yard signs, to include the sponsor’s name and address. • WAC 390-18-030: Specifies that sponsor identification on political advertising must be displayed in at least 10-point type or 10% of the largest font size used, whichever is greater, and must be set apart from any other printed matter. <p>Evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached is a photograph of Tyler Byrd’s campaign yard signs, which do not display the required sponsor identification. These signs were distributed at the Whatcom County Republican Party Meeting on June 12. • Additionally, I have attached a photograph of one of Mr. Byrd's campaign signs displayed in a yard within Whatcom County. <p>Requested Action: I respectfully request that the Public Disclosure Commission investigate this matter to determine whether Tyler Byrd has violated the sponsor identification requirements. Should a violation be found, I urge the Commission to take appropriate enforcement actions to ensure compliance with state laws.</p> <p>Attachments:</p>

- Photograph of campaign yard sign
- Photograph of campaign sign displayed in Whatcom County yard

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Patricia Mullett

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The failure to include proper sponsor identification on campaign signs undermines the transparency of the political process. Voters rely on clear and accurate information about who is behind political advertisements, including yard signs, to make informed decisions. Ensuring proper sponsor disclosure helps uphold the integrity of elections and promotes accountability in political advertising.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

Attached: Photograph of Tyler Byrd's campaign yard signs, showing that the signs lack the required sponsor identification.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

Individuals who attended the Whatcom County Republican Party Meeting on June 12, where the signs were distributed, may provide confirmation or additional testimony. Contact information for these individuals may be obtained through the meeting's attendance list or the event organizer.

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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