Delaware Sign Law

- Signs may not be placed within the State’s Right of Way.
- Although not always exact, a good rule of thumb is that the Right of Way is typically one foot behind any utility poles.
- Utility poles are the large wooden poles that carry electric, phone, and cable wires that typically run parallel to the roadway.

Signs are also NEVER allowed:
- On utility poles, light poles, traffic signal poles, or road signs.
- On bridges or any overpass.
- In medians, islands, or gore areas.

For Questions about the sign laws, contact your nearest DelDOT office:
- New Castle – 302-326-4688
- Kent – 302-760-2443
- Sussex – 302-853-1327

The Fines:
Each sign that is in violation results in a fine of $25, and a $15 recovery fee.

For more information on sign placement, see 17 Del. Code, Sections 524-527 and 1111 (C ).
DELAWARE'S SIGN LEGISLATION
17 DEL.CODE
SECTIONS 524, 525, 526, 527, and 1111(c)

Typical Divided Highway

Enforcement Limits
entire
Right - Of - Way

Width varies
depending on roadway

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This diagram applies all the time, even during an election cycle.

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