

## FACT SHEET

# Snipe Signs

### WHAT ARE SNIPE SIGNS?

Snipe signs are off-premises signs, temporary in nature, that are tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, poles, stakes, fences, or to other objects. Though they are often seen in the public right-of-way, they are also often placed on private property. The subject of the signs is irrelevant, as they could be for garage sales, businesses, political or any other topic.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW IF I WANT TO PUT UP SNIPE SIGNS?

All snipe signs must be placed on private property. Before placing a sign on private property, you must first obtain that property owner's permission. Snipe signs placed on private property without obtaining the owner's permission may be discarded by the property owner at any time.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF A SIGN IS OUT OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

For areas with telephone poles or utility poles, signs cannot be placed between the poles and the street. Signs must be placed BEHIND those poles. For areas with no poles, signs should be placed several feet behind sidewalks and/or swales.

### HOW IS THIS ENFORCED?

Code Enforcement inspectors conduct "sweeps" each week within their assigned geographic areas to pick up snipe signs in the right-of-way. These sweeps typically occur one to two times per week. Once the signs are collected, they are then discarded in a City dumpster.

### WHY DO I STILL SEE SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

The Code Enforcement Division picks up as many signs as possible during their weekly sweeps, however, the City has 104 square miles of land and getting to all of the signs is challenging. Additionally, more signs often appear in the same location almost immediately after inspectors pick signs up. On average, Code Enforcement picks up hundreds of snipe signs every week.

### HOW DO I REPORT A SIGN?

While snipe signs may be reported through the North RePort app ([NorthPortFL.gov/NorthReport](https://NorthPortFL.gov/NorthReport)), it is important to note that the Code Enforcement inspectors do not make special trips to collect a specific sign. Rather, they will pick up signs during their regular sweeps. Code Enforcement case numbers will also not be assigned or tracked for snipe signs, since the City only has authority to remove the signs rather than issuing violations and assessing fines.

### CAN I PICK UP SIGNS IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY?

Snipe signs in the right-of-way are considered litter and can, therefore, be discarded by anyone. However, this is not encouraged due to potential conflicts with traffic and caution should be taken to avoid placing yourself or others in hazardous traffic situations.



For more information:  
[NorthPortFL.gov/Code](https://NorthPortFL.gov/Code)