

ORDINANCE NO. 6419 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-INACTING SECTION 40-7 OF THE CADDO PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, obstacles in parish rights-of-way pose a hazard to drivers; and

WHEREAS, obstacles in parish rights-of-way are unsightly; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to take appropriate action to keep its rights-of-way clean and safe for citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 40-7 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances is amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 40-7. Littering.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or place, or to cause or allow to be thrown or placed upon the right-of-way of any public road or highway in this parish, maintained partially or wholly by the public works department, any metal, cans, bottles, limbs, brush, trash, garbage or rubbish of any description.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to place political or other signs upon the right-of-way of any public road or highway in this parish, maintained partially or wholly by the public works department.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to place a sign on any structure that is legally within the right-of-way of any public road or highway in this parish, maintained partially or wholly by the public works department.
- (d) Signs placed in violation of (b) and (c) may be removed by the parish without notice. Regarding political signs, candidates will be notified of the removal via certified mail, at their address on file with the Secretary of State, and be given ten days from the date of the letter to retrieve their signs from the parish.
- ~~(b)~~(e) The term "right-of-way" as used in this section shall be construed to mean all of the property within the right-of-way of a public road or highway, including not only the road bed and road surface but also the shoulders, embankments, ditches and any other ground included within the limits of the actual right-of-way of such road.
- ~~(e)~~(f) Any violation of this section may be tried in a justice of the peace court.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date