

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
RIGHT OF WAY**

**UNLAWFUL SIGN PLACEMENT IN COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY**

Under California Streets and Highways Code Section 1460 no device shall be placed in the County right of way without authority of a written permit. If a sign is placed there, County staff would pick up the sign and you would be liable for the costs incurred by the County in removing the sign and any other damages caused by the encroachment (§1480.5). Furthermore, if an encroachment is not removed after the notice pursuant to Section 1481, a penalty of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day for each day the encroachment continues may be assessed (§1483).

If the sign is placed in the right of way a second time, you would be in violation of Streets and Highways Code Sections 1460, 1480 et seq and Penal Code Sections 556, 556.1, a misdemeanor. Every offense declared to be a misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment in the County jail, not exceeding six (6) months, or by fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), or both.