

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SET BACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, signs are protected speech under the first Amendment of the United States Constitution for all citizens,

**WHEREAS**, the County does not wish to infringe upon that first Amendment right but does wish to establish requirements for signs placed within the public right of way of any road in the unincorporated areas of Cowley County to protect the sight lines and sight distances for safety reasons,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Cowley County, Kansas may transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation and administration it deems appropriate subject only to the limitations restrictions, or prohibitions listed in K.S.A. 19-101(a), and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cowley County Board of County Commissioners that the following regulations for all signs within the unincorporated areas of Cowley County are hereby enacted:

No signs shall be allowed on the unpaved right-of-way for county or township roads.

Forty-five days prior to an election, political signs shall be allowed within the unpaved right-of-way for county or township roads beyond the drainage ditch on the back slope provided that the sign is not within five hundred feet of an intersection pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2711. Any political sign placed under this provision must be picked up within two days of the actual election.

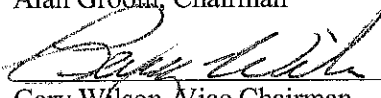
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that violators of this Resolution may be charged with a Class C misdemeanor which may impose a fine of up to \$500 or up to 30 days in the County Jail if convicted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect after it is published in the official county newspaper.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

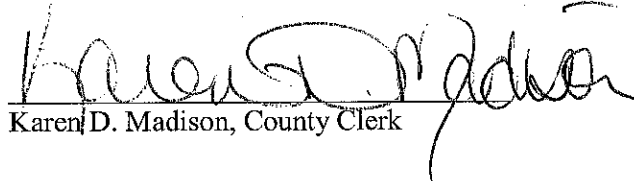


Alan Groom, Chairman

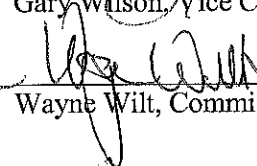


Gary Wilson, Vice Chairman

**ATTEST:**



Karen D. Madison, County Clerk



Wayne Wilt, Commissioner