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County removing roadside unpermitted advertising signs

Nye County Code Compliance has started to remove unpermitted signs illegally placed in the county and state right-of-ways or on BLM land.

Code enforcement removed approximately 75 signs from various intersections around Pahrump on Friday, January 5, 2018, and will return to the streets periodically to remove additional illegal signage.

Small portable advertising signs that sometimes pop up along our roadways are dangerous because they can block sight lines for oncoming traffic and are unattractive.

It is illegal under Nye County Code and state law to place signs in the right-of-way of roads. These signs pose a safety problem for drivers and pedestrians. Signs distract motorists, create blind spots, and present hazards for maintenance crews. In addition to the safety issue, the signs detract from the appearance of our roadways making the County and our neighborhoods look tasteless.

County Code 12.04 states the County shall have the power to abate or remove whatever obstruction or encroachment causing the violation of this Chapter, and if required to do so, shall obtain the reasonable amount expended in causing such removal from the responsible party.

The County is empowered to take action on illegal roadside signs by removing them and misdemeanor citations for violators.

Nye County Code 12.04 covers signs in or near county and state right-of-ways, while 17.04.777 regulates sign permits and code enforcement.

Removed signs will be stored for up to 30 days at the County Landfill in Pahrump in a storage bin at which time they will be discarded.

Sign owners and businesses with any questions can call County Code Compliance at 775-751-4249.