

# Be Informed

This brochure has been developed to explain St. Petersburg's ordinance regarding prohibited snipe signs (see Chapter 16, Land Development Regulations, Sec. 16.40.120.3.3).

Our first priority is to inform everyone about the signage regulations and encourage voluntary compliance with the ordinances.

Section 16.40.120.3.3 of the code states: "Signs that are located on or project over public rights-of-way, publicly-owned land, or easement for the use of the public or public utility service providers except signs required or erected by permission of a government agency. Such prohibited signs shall include, but not be limited to, handbills, posters, advertisements, or notices that are attached in any way to or upon lampposts, telephone poles, utility poles bridges sidewalks or other public property or improvements." Each sign is considered a violation.

**Notices of Violation are valid for one year from issuance. Fines will increase for subsequent violations.**



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**S**nipe signs are usually found stuck in the ground or hanging from utility poles. Such signs distract motorists and clutter up our community by deteriorating into trash and an eyesore.

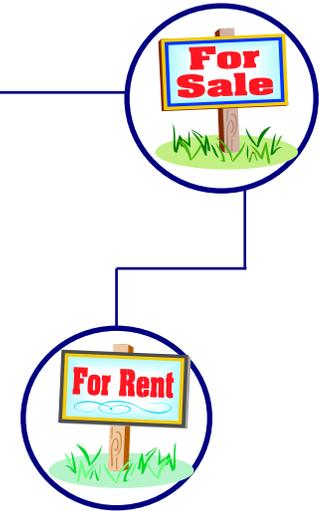
**Snipe signs are transient in nature and irreparable and may be cited immediately upon observation of the violation(s).** This means a city investigator is not required to give notice and can cite a person immediately upon observation of a snipe sign placed in the City's right-of-way (unless a minor easement and permit has been issued by the City). Contact the Development Review Services Division at 727-893-7471 for more information on minor easements and permits or visit the City's web site at [www.stpete.org](http://www.stpete.org).



Neighbors can help their community by reporting snipe signs to the City for **pickup by calling 727-893-7373 or by reporting snipe signs on see/click/fix.**



Seasonal baseball and soccer league advertisements and neighborhood association meeting signs in the right-of-way have the same impact as the "We Buy Houses For Cash", "We Buy Junk Cars", or "Lost Pet" signs placed in the right-of-way. The above mentioned are all **illegal**.



A better idea for the neighborhood meeting signs and other non-commercial advertisement signs is to obtain permission from a private residential property owner to place one (1) information sign in the front yard on the private property. These signs can enjoy an exemption as a free speech sign, as long as they meet the following:

One (1) sign protecting residents' First Amendment right to free speech which expresses any lawful non-commercial message is allowed on a lot with a primary residential use as long as the sign is located on private property, is not in the right-of-way, and is not in the visibility triangle. A free speech sign must not exceed 12 square feet and must not be higher than 6 feet.