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OMAHA COALITION OF CITIZEN PATROLS
SEEKS TO CURB SIGN PROBLEM

The Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols will be kicking off the Springtime season with “Sign Sunday,” a special initiative designed to remind Omahans to keep their city beautiful. On Sunday, May 4, with the support of the Omaha Police Department, members of the Coalition will be targeting signs that have been placed illegally in public sites around Omaha. They will either remove the signs, or affix a sticker to them, advising that the sign has been illegally placed. By city ordinance, private signs—such as those announcing garage sales, lawn services, or the sale of real estate or other services—cannot be placed or posted on public property without first obtaining a permit from the city. Signs are often illegally posted on medians, utility poles, traffic-control signs, city parks, and the “right-of-way,” a strip of land situated between the sidewalk and the curb. Such illegally-posted signs not only tend to diminish the beauty of the city, but can sometimes distract drivers.

The Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols is a volunteer organization consisting of approximately 30 citizen patrols that operate in various neighborhoods throughout Omaha. Trained citizen patrollers drive through their own neighborhoods in visibly marked vehicles and observe conditions in the neighborhood, and report any illegal or suspicious activity or conditions to the police.

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