



PRESS RELEASE

The City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: Theft of yard signs and flags

Date: August 25, 2020

OAKWOOD, OHIO:

Over the past few weeks, several yard signs and flags were stolen from residential properties in Oakwood. This is not the first time this has happened in Oakwood, and it has affected people displaying a variety of messages.

City leaders are aware that the current political climate is highly charged, but that most certainly does not justify criminal behavior. Trespassing and theft are crimes. Like all criminal activity in Oakwood, they will be aggressively investigated by the Oakwood Safety Department and will be swiftly prosecuted if and when aggrieved persons press charges.

During this challenging time, and particularly as we enter an election season, Oakwood residents should be able to expect that their private property will be respected. This includes any and all signs and/or flags they may lawfully display in their yards. The freedom of expression, political or otherwise, is a fundamental American right, and it will be protected in the city of Oakwood.

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