



**OPINION NO.**  
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**STATE OF MISSOURI**  
**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**  
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At the April 30, 1996 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was considered. The following is in response to your question: *Is it legal for a person using their personal vehicle and being reimbursed for mileage by a county or state to display campaign signs on the vehicle while using the vehicle for county or state business?*

It is the opinion of the Missouri Ethics Commission, for purposes of matters under Chapter 115 RSMo, that when an individual is being reimbursed for the use of that individual's vehicle by a county or other political subdivision, the vehicle becomes like a county vehicle. Therefore, putting a political sign on such vehicle would appear to be a violation of section 115.646 RSMo. The Ethics Commission cannot opine on whether or not it is otherwise legal to have the sign on the vehicle.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Lamb  
(Acting) Administrative Secretary

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