



MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2016

To: Christel Pettinos
City Secretary

From: Michael Arellano, CBCO
Chief Building Official

Subject: Political Place and Sign Requirements

Below are the regulations for polling places:

- (A) Political signs and electioneering are not allowed within 100 feet of a door through which a voter may enter pursuant to Section 61.003 Texas Election Code
- (B) Electioneering at polling locations

Definitions:

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings as set forth in this section:

Electioneering shall mean the posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature, including the use of tents, chairs, booths, tables or other furniture or devices to post, use or distribute political signs or literature.

Voting period shall mean the period each day beginning the hour the polls are open for voting and ending when the polls close or the last voter has voted, whichever is later on Election Day and early voting days.

(C) No sign in the City Right of Way section 12-29-6 City Ordinance

(D) Regulations and Exceptions

- (a) The following regulations apply to electioneering on the premises of public property during the voting period.
 - (i). It is an offense for any person to leave any electioneering sign or literature on public property that is used as a polling place other than during the voting period and for thirty minutes before and after the voting period.
 - (ii). It is an offense for any person to engage in electioneering on driveways, parking areas, on medians within parking areas, or driveways on the



premises of a polling location. This restriction shall not apply to electioneering signs that are attached to vehicles that are lawfully parked at the premises of a polling location.

- (iii). It is an offense for any person to attach, place or otherwise affix any electioneering sign, literature or material to any building, tree, shrub, pole or other improvement on public property used as a polling location.
- (iv). It is an offense for any person to place any electioneering sign or literature within twenty-five (25) feet of the public road way adjacent to the public property where a polling location is located.
- (v). It is an offense for any person to place an electioneering sign on the premises that exceeds thirty six square feet and is more than eight feet in height, including any supporting poles.
- (vi). In addition to imposing any criminal penalty, electioneering sign(s) locating in violation of this section may be removed and disposed of by the entity in control of the public property.
- (vii). The authority to conduct electioneering on public property under this Article is limited to the property on the premises where the voting is conducted and only for the voting period.”

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.