

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNAGE REGULATIONS

NASSAU COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT

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On July 19, 2006 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Code Enforcement Department to remove all signage that is located in the County Right-of-Way.

As provided in Article 30, Sign Regulations, of the Nassau County Zoning Code (Ordinance 97-19), Section 5 of Ordinance 89-1, and the Sign Ordinance of the Unincorporated Areas of Amelia Island, and State Statute 106.1435, Usage and Removal of Political Campaign Advertisements, political signs are prohibited from placement within County or State Right-of-Way. This means political signs may only be placed on private property throughout the County.

The only locally imposed time limit is provided in Ordinance 89-1, which applies to the unincorporated areas of Amelia Island. This limits political sign placement to no sooner than ninety (90) days prior to an election, with removal required within two (2) weeks following the election. State Statute 106.1435 requires that all political signage be removed within thirty (30) days after withdrawal of candidacy, being eliminated as a candidate or being elected to office.

This letter is to officially request that no signage be placed within the County-Right-of-Way. We will be actively monitoring the above stated Ordinance. We will also refer any signs located in the State Right-of-Way to the Florida Department of Transportation for removal.

Signage can be retrieved at the Bailey Road or the Hilliard Road and Bridge Department offices.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

Contact: Caroline Best, City Clerk
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Sec. 34-6. - Campaign advertising prohibited in public rights-of-way.

It shall be unlawful to tack or place any political campaign sign or advertisement on any pole, tree or other plant or structure on public property or to place any political campaign sign or advertisement on any public street, sidewalk, alley or right-of-way or other public property.

(Ord. No. 2006-26, § 3, 12-5-06)

TOWN OF CALLAHAN

Contact: Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk
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Political signs are not allowed except on private property with the permission of the owner.
(Ordinance No. 2009-04)

TOWN OF HILLIARD

Contact: Lisa Purvis, Town Clerk
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No sign, other than official signs shall be posted on any public property.
(Code 1997, § 62-423; Ord. No. 87-119, § 11-10, 12-29-1987)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Contact: A. J. Jim Spalla, Director, Office of Right of Way

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Signs placed on the state rights of way – Political campaign signs may not be placed in the right of way of any state or national highway [Chapter 479.11(8), Florida Statutes].

Signs placed on private property – Temporary political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner. Such signs do not require a permit under state law. (Reference: FDOT Notice to candidates for election to offices in the State of Florida, dated May 30, 2017)

FLORIDA LAW

106.1435 Usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.—

(1) Each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political campaign advertisements within 30 days after:

- (a) Withdrawal of his or her candidacy;
- (b) Having been eliminated as a candidate; or
- (c) Being elected to office.

However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements which are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons.

(2) If political campaign advertisements are not removed within the specified period, the political subdivision or governmental entity has the authority to remove such advertisements and may charge the candidate the actual cost for such removal. Funds collected for removing such advertisements shall be deposited to the general revenue of the political subdivision.

(3) Pursuant to chapter 479, no political campaign advertisements shall be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed, or located on or above any state or county road right-of-way.

(4) The officer before whom a candidate qualifies for office shall notify the candidate, in writing, of the provisions in this section.

(5) This provision does not preclude municipalities from imposing additional or more stringent requirements on the usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.