

Dear Candidate:

As election time is approaching the Code Compliance Division would like to remind the candidates of the regulations in effect regarding Political Signs.

Charlotte County Code Section 3-9-95, specifically 1.1.10 States the following:

(D)(1). Said signs shall be erected not earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the primary election day and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days after the earliest of the following events: (a) withdrawal of the candidate or measure, (b) the candidate or measure having been eliminated as a candidate or measure, or (c) the date of the general election.

(D)(2). Only one (1) sign per candidate or measure is permitted on any one (1) lot, parcel or tract of land. No election sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area or six (6) feet in height. Said sign shall not be erected in such a manner as to constitute a roof sign.

(D)(3). Pursuant to F.S. section 106.1435(3), no such sign shall be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed or otherwise displayed, placed or located within, on or above any state or county right-of-way. Upon a determination by the county that a violation of this restriction exists at one (1) or more locations, the signs may be immediately removed or be caused to be removed by the county.

(D)(4). Upon a determination by the county of any violation of this exemption, other than addressed above in 3., the affected candidate or sign owner, if determinable, will be contacted and advised of the violation. The candidate or sign owner will have no more than twenty-four (24) hours to remove the sign or cause the sign to comply with the requirements of this article.

(D)(5). The affected candidate or sign owner, if determinable, will then be notified of said removal. Any election signs removed by the county shall be stored for five (5) business days and will be returned upon payment of a removal and storage fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per sign. Election signs not picked up within this period shall be discarded.

Funds collected shall be deposited into the general revenues of the county. All signs posted on private property in conformance with the above standards must have the consent of the property owner.

Your cooperation in this matter is requested. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Mullen-Travis, Licensing & Code Compliance Manager, at (941) 623-1007, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Shaun Cullinan, Zoning Official