



**Marion County
Board of County Commissioners**

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 5, 2018
To: Wesley Wilcox, Supervisor of Elections
From: Mounir Bouyounes, P.E., County Administrator *MS*
Subject: Political signs

In anticipation of our community's upcoming elections, I would like to share some friendly reminders regarding the placement of political signs with candidates and those affiliated with the election process this season.

- Placement of political signs in the public rights-of-way, or on any property where a voting precinct may be located is prohibited.
- With the permission of the property owner, voting booth areas on private property may have signs posted outside of a 100-foot radius.
- All signs not in compliance with the Marion County Land Development Code, see enclosed, will be removed and temporarily housed for two weeks from the date of removal at the Baseline Solid Waste facility, before proper disposal.

Candidates and their representatives may retrieve any confiscated signs from the Baseline Landfill transfer station at 5601 SE 66th St., Ocala. Signs will be located in a labeled container on the south end of the building, west of the access driveway.

For your convenience, I have also attached an excerpt of the Marion County Land Development Code, which provides further details on authorized placement of signs. The Marion County Land Development Code addressing sign placement provisions can be found online by searching the Municode Library at https://library.municode.com/fl/marion_county and reviewing article 4, division 4 – advertising signs.

Should you or any candidate have questions regarding this matter, please contact my office for assistance. Thank you very much for your assistance in distributing this information.

cc:
Marion County Board of County Commissioners Samuel Martsof, Growth Services Director
Matthew Minter, County Attorney Robin Hough, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Mike Sims, Solid Waste Director

Marion County Land Development Code: article 4, section 4.4.2, (12), Political signs

Political signs proposed to be located in a residential zoning classification shall not exceed eight square feet and shall be located behind the property line. Political signs proposed to be located in all other zoning classifications shall not exceed 32 square feet and shall be located behind the property line. Said signs may be placed or erected on private property with the permission of the owner, except in the sight triangle which occurs on the corners of intersecting streets or on the corners of driveways. Refer to section 7.3.1 for construction details. Signs exceeding 32 square feet in size shall obtain a sign permit.

Signs shall not be placed or erected in the public right-of-way or on utility poles located on public right-of-way. When edge of right-of-way is questionable, signs shall be located behind power poles or fence lines.

County shall have the right to immediately remove any and all signs in the sight triangle, in the right-of-way and on utility poles located in the right-of-way in order to protect the life and safety of the traveling public and utility company employees.

All signs shall be removed within two weeks after the final election date of each candidate or issue.

(Ord. No. 13-20, § 2, 7-11-2013)