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Candidates for Elective Office  
City of Jacksonville Beach  
2012 Municipal Election

## Political Signs

### Code of Ordinances, Article 34-41 – Definitions

***Political campaign sign or election sign* means any sign indicating the name and/or picture of an individual seeking election to a public office, or relating to a forthcoming public election or referendum, or pertaining to the advocating by persons, groups or parties of political views or policies.**

Code of Ordinances, Section 34-453. – Permitted signs

- (2) i. Political campaign or election signs. For each parcel within the city, one (1) election sign for each candidate and each issue may be displayed on each frontage per parcel of land.
1. An election sign may be displayed as an attached sign or as a freestanding sign.
  2. On parcels that are in residential use, the election sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet in sign area; and, if the election sign is displayed as a freestanding sign on the parcel, the election sign shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
  3. On non-residential parcels, a political campaign or election sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in sign area; and, if the election sign is displayed as a freestanding sign on the parcel, the election sign shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
  4. An election sign shall be removed within seven (7) calendar days following the election to which it pertains.
  5. Political campaign or election signs may not be illuminated.

<p>j. <b>Political</b> campaign or election signs (residential uses)</p>	<p>One per candidate or issue per road frontage</p>	<p>4 sf</p>	<p>Not higher than the wall of the building or 6 ft if freestanding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-illuminated.</li> <li>• May be displayed as an attached sign or as a freestanding sign.</li> <li>• <b>Political</b> campaign or election signs must be removed within 7 days following the campaign or election to which it pertains.</li> </ul>
<p>k. <b>Political</b> campaign or election signs (non-residential uses)</p>	<p>One per road frontage, attached to the wall of the building, placed in a window, or freestanding</p>	<p>16 sf</p>	<p>Not higher than the wall of the building or 6 ft if freestanding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-illuminated.</li> <li>• May be displayed as an attached sign or as a freestanding sign.</li> <li>• <b>Political</b> campaign or election signs must be removed within 7 days following the campaign or election to which it pertains.</li> </ul>

**Chapter 106.1435, Florida Statutes**  
**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~~ superseded by local ordinance (City of Jacksonville Beach):
  - (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.

**History.**—s. 1, ch. 84-221; s. 20, ch. 84-302; s. 14, ch. 87-224; s. 647, ch. 95-147

**Chapter 102.031, Florida Statutes**  
**Conducting Elections and Ascertaining the Results**

- (4) (a) No person, political committee, committee of continuous existence, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the entrance to any polling place, or polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, or early voting site. Before the opening of the polling place or early voting site, the clerk, or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.
- (b) For the purpose of this subsection, the terms “solicit” or “solicitation” shall include, but not be limited to, seeking or attempting to seek any vote, fact, opinion, or contribution; distributing or attempting to distribute any political or campaign material, leaflet, or handout; conducting a poll except as specified in this paragraph; seeking or attempting to seek a signature on any petition; and selling or attempting to sell any item. The terms “solicit” or “solicitation” shall not be construed to prohibit exit polling.
- (c) Each supervisor of elections shall inform the clerk of the area within which soliciting is unlawful, based on the particular characteristics of that polling place. The supervisor or the clerk may take any reasonable action necessary to ensure order at the polling places, including, but not limited to, having disruptive and unruly persons removed by law enforcement officers from the polling room or place or from the 100-foot zone surrounding the polling place.