



## POLITICAL SIGN REQUIREMENTS 2022 Election Cycle Information

- North Carolina State Law allows the placement of political signs within the public right-of-way of NCDOT streets under the following rules:
    - Permission must be obtained from the property owner fronting the right-of-way where a sign is to be placed.
    - Signs must be placed at least 3 feet from the edge of the pavement.
    - Signs cannot be greater than 6 square feet nor higher than 42 inches.
    - Signs must not obscure visibility at intersections or driveways.
    - Signs should be placed so that they do not obscure another sign.
    - No sign is permitted within the right-of-way of a fully controlled-access highway (i.e. Highway 17 Bypass).
  
  - Posting Timelines for Right-of-Way Signs.\* Signs may be placed beginning the 30th day before the beginning date of "one-stop" early voting and must be removed by the 10th day after the primary/general election days. Signs may be posted within the timeframes listed below:
    - **Primary** – Beginning March 27 with removal by May 27
    - **General** – Beginning September 20 with removal by November 18
- \*Removal dates may be extended in the event of a runoff.

**Reference NC GS 136-32**

- Per the Onslow County Zoning Ordinance, signs cannot be affixed to any utility or service pole.
  
- There is no permit required from the Onslow County Planning & Development Department; candidates should contact the appropriate town halls prior to placing signs within municipal jurisdictions.