



## POLITICAL SIGN REQUIREMENTS

- Recent changes in state law allow 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 can be placed no closer than 3 feet from the edge of pavement.
  - Signs cannot be larger than 6 square feet or higher than 42 inches.
  - Signs should be placed so that visibility at intersections is not obscured.
  - Signs should be placed so that they do not obscure another sign.
  - No sign is permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway (i.e. Highway 17 Bypass).
  
- Sign Posting Timelines\* - 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 or election day:
  - **Primary Election** – Signs can be placed beginning February 3, 2016 and must be removed by March 25, 2016
  - **General Election** – Signs can be placed beginning September 20, 2016 and must be removed by November 18, 2016

\*Removal dates may be extended in the event of a runoff.

- 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.

These rules apply within the planning jurisdiction of Onslow County. If you plan to erect signs within any municipal planning jurisdiction, you should contact the appropriate town hall to obtain their sign requirements.

Reference NC GS 136-32