



POLITICAL SIGN REQUIREMENTS 2020 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 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).

 - Right-of-way 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/election day. Signs may be posted within the timeframes outlined below:
 - **Primary** – January 14, 2020, with removal by March 13, 2020
 - **General** – September 15, 2020, with removal by November 13, 2020
- *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.