

Jurisdiction	<b>GASTON COUNTY</b> <b>*CURRENT POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES, AND COUNTY JURISDICTION*</b>
<b>Belmont</b>	Campaign and election signs provided that: Each sign shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area; all such signs may be erected no sooner than sixty (60) days in advance of the election for which they were made; all such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election for which they were made; no sign shall be placed in any right-of-way, on any telephone pole or street sign, or on any public property. <b>Staff Contact: Adrian Miller 704.901.2067.</b>
<b>Bessemer City</b>	If placed within the street right-of-way: Sign area shall not exceed five (5) square feet; Sign height shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches above the street level surface nearest to said sign; provided however, if said sign is located within twelve (12) feet of the point of intersection of the edges of pavement of two (2) intersection streets, no such sign shall exceed thirty (30) inches in height above said street level. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator shall remove any such sign or group of signs that he deems to be an obstruction to the safe vision of motorists. Such signs shall not be put up more than thirty (30) days prior to election day and must be removed within ten (10) days following election day; provided however, signs of candidates in a runoff election may remain up until ten (10) days after said runoff election. No such sign shall be placed over any curb, street surface or sidewalk; or on any utility pole, government sign or signpost, bridge, tree, rock, fence, or guardrail; nor within fifteen (15) feet of any fire hydrant. The tenant or other person entitled to possession of the property fronting along the street right-of-way on which such sign is placed may remove such sign at any time. Such signs shall not be placed on right-of-way fronting public facilities (e.g., government office or operations center, post office, public park, public cemetery, courthouse, public safety station, public library, public museum, public school, etc.) except on election day where said public facility is a polling place and placed in accordance with the rules of the Gaston County Board of Elections. If placed on private property, outside the street right-of-way; Sign area shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Sign height shall not exceed ten (10) feet or two and one-half (2.5) times the vertical dimension of the sign face, whichever is less. Such signs shall be removed within ten (10) days following election day; provided however, signs of candidates in a runoff election may remain up until ten (10) days after said runoff election. No such sign shall obstruct the safe vision of motorists. Irrespective of location, no campaign or election sign shall be lighted or luminous, nor shall it have any flashing lights or moving or windblown parts. <b>Staff Contact: Kevin Krouse 704.833.0363.</b>
<b>B O E</b> <b>NCDOT</b>	Gaston County Board of Elections pursuant to North Carolina Department of Transportation Statutes, it is unlawful to put campaign signs on power poles, NCDOT Signs, and within NCDOT Rights-of-Ways. In addition, a legend is required on a sign if larger than 14 inches by 22 inches. State guidelines are provided to each candidate when filing for office. <b>Staff Contact: Frances Pinion 704.852.6005.</b> Department of Transportation prohibits all but official highway signs on state highway rights-of-way. Division of Highway field employees are instructed to remove all signs illegally placed within state highway rights-of-way. Such signs are taken to local maintenance offices for storage until they are claimed. <b>Staff Contact: John Wortman 704.480.2083.</b>
<b>Cherryville</b> <b>Cramerton</b> <b>Gastonia</b> <b>Lowell</b>	If placed within the street right-of-way, each sign shall not exceed five (5) square feet in area. Sign height shall not exceed thirty (30) inches above the street level surface nearest to said sign; provided, however, if said sign is located within twelve (12) feet of the point of intersection of the edges of pavement of two intersecting streets, no such sign shall exceed thirty (30) inches in height above said street level. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Zoning Administrator shall remove any sign or group of signs that he deems to be an obstruction to the safe vision of motorists. Such signs shall not be put up more than thirty (30) days prior to election day and must be removed within seven (7) days following election day; provided, however, signs of candidates in a runoff election may remain up until seven (7) days following said runoff election. No such sign shall be placed over any curb, street surface, or sidewalk; or utility pole, government sign or signpost, bridge, tree, rock, fence or guardrail, or within fifteen (15) feet of any fire hydrant. The tenant or other person entitled to possession of the property fronting along the street right-of-way on which such sign is placed may remove such sign at any time. Such signs shall not be placed on right-of-way fronting public facilities (e.g. government office or operations center, post office, public park, public cemetery, courthouse, public safety station, public library, public museum, public school, etc.) except on election day where said public facility is a polling place and are placed in accordance with the rules of the Board of Elections. Such signs shall not be placed in the B-1 (Central Business) District. If placed on private property, outside the street right-of-way: Sign area shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Sign height shall not exceed ten (10) feet or 2.5 times the vertical dimension of the sign face, whichever is less. No such sign shall obstruct the safe vision of motorists. No campaign or election sign shall be lighted or luminous, nor shall it have any flashing lights or moving or windblown parts. No campaign or election sign shall be placed on public property, outside the street right-of-way except at polling places on Election Day in accordance with the rules of the Board of Elections. Any campaign or election sign not be erected in accordance with these rules shall be subject to removal by the Zoning Administrator. <b>Staff Contact: Cherryville - Richard Elam (704. 435.1705), Cramerton – Steve Baucom (704 824 4337), Gastonia – Drew Pearson (704. 866.6746), and Lowell – Scott Attaway (704. 824.3518).</b>
<b>Dallas</b>	Shall not exceed 20 square feet in area. All such signs may be erected no sooner than sixty (60) days in advance of the election. All such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election. The property owner upon whose land the signs are placed will be held responsible for violations. No such sign shall be erected without the permission of the property owner or tenant. No sign shall be placed in any right-of-way, on any telephone pole or street sign, or on any public property. No sign shall be at the designated polling places except on the day of the election. These signs shall not penetrate the ground and must be removed at the close of the polls. No campaign or election sign shall be lighted or luminous, nor shall it have any flashing lights. Any campaign sign not erected in accordance with these rules shall be subject to removal by the Zoning Administrator. <b>Staff Contact: David Kahler 704.922.3176.</b>
<b>Gaston County</b>	If placed within the street right-of-way: Sign area shall not exceed five (5) square feet; Sign height shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches above the street level surface nearest to said sign; provided however, if said sign is located within twelve (12) feet of the point of intersection of the edges of pavement of two (2) intersection streets, no such sign shall exceed thirty (30) inches in height above said street level. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator shall remove any such sign or group of signs that he deems to be an obstruction to the safe vision of motorists. Such signs shall not be put up more than thirty (30) days prior to election day and must be removed within ten (10) days following election day; provided however, signs of candidates in a runoff election may remain up until ten (10) days after said runoff election. No such sign shall be placed over any curb, street surface or sidewalk; or on any utility pole, government sign or signpost, bridge, tree, rock, fence, or guardrail; nor within fifteen (15) feet of any fire hydrant. The tenant or other person entitled to possession of the property fronting along the street right-of-way on which such sign is placed may remove such sign at any time. Such signs shall not be placed on right-of-way fronting public facilities (e.g., government office or operations center, post office, public park, public cemetery, courthouse, public safety station, public library, public museum, public school, etc.) except on election day where said public facility is a polling place and placed in accordance with the rules of the Gaston County Board of Elections. If placed on private property, outside the street right-of-way; Sign area shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Sign height shall not exceed ten (10) feet or two and one-half (2.5) times the vertical dimension of the sign face, whichever is less. Such signs shall be removed within ten (10) days following election day; provided however, signs of candidates in a runoff election may remain up until ten (10) days after said runoff election. No such sign shall obstruct the safe vision of motorists. Irrespective of location, no campaign or election sign shall be lighted or luminous, nor shall it have any flashing lights or moving or windblown parts. <b>Staff Contact: Laura Hamilton 704.866.3075.</b>
<b>High Shoals</b>	Shall not obstruct the sight distance of motorist. (This is not an adopted regulation, but rather is a general policy of the Town Clerk). <b>Staff Contact: Beth Usery 704.735.1651.</b>
<b>Kings Mountain</b>	Permit required, but no fee is required. Request placement no more than seven (7) days prior to election. Removal must occur immediately after election. If not removed, will be collected by staff in approximately one week following elections. In residential zoning districts, size must not exceed 3 square feet, and no more than two per yard. In all other districts, size of sign based upon zoning district regulations. Signs larger than 3 square feet, requires meeting with property owner. Will be pulled by staff if blocking traffic or sight distances. <b>Staff Contact: Holly Black 704 734 4599.</b>
<b>McAdenville</b>	Provided each sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area; all such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days after the event for which they were made; and property owner shall be held responsible for violations. <b>Staff Contact: Sheila Sheppard 704.824.3190.</b>
<b>Mt. Holly</b>	No election sign shall be erected sooner than forty-five (45) days prior to an election. Signs must be removed within three days after the election. <b>Staff Contact: Greg Beal 704 822 2938.</b>

<b>Ranlo</b>	It shall be lawful to post or affix printed or graphic materials upon public right-of-way in the town after September 30, preceding a national, state, or local election or referendum to be held in the town, when materials relate to the candidate or candidates seeking election or the political issues being voted upon. Rights-of-way are defined as those areas between the road and the back of either a utility pole, street sign, sidewalks; whichever is further, but no less than five (5) feet from the pavement edge. Sign placement is subject to the following restrictions: (a) No signs shall be placed in medians or landscaped areas. (b) No signs shall be attached to utility poles or traffic control signs. (c) No signs shall be placed within fifteen (15) feet, of, or obscuring from view, any fire hydrant. (d) All signs larger than six (6) square feet must be placed outside of the sight triangle of an intersection. A sight triangle is defined as that area formed by measuring twenty (20) feet back from an intersection in both directions, and then connected by straight line. (e) Signs that have fallen due to weather or other conditions must be repaired or removed. (f) All signs placed in rights-of-way prior to October 1 will be removed. (g) All signs must be removed by November 17. (h) Because signs imply endorsement, any resident or business shall have the right to remove any and all signs placed in the rights-of-way of their respective premises. (i) At no time shall signs be placed on rights-of-way fronting public facilities (e.g., government offices or operations center, post office, public parks, public safety stations, public schools, etc.), except the night before election day after 7 p.m. and where said public facility is a polling place, and such sign is placed in accordance with the rules of the Board of Elections. (j) Signs placed on private property, outside of rights-of-way, may be placed anywhere and anytime as long as the sign does not obstruct the safe vision of motorists and is removed by November 17. <b>Staff Contact: Chuck Webb 704.824.3461.</b>
<b>Stanley</b>	Placement no sooner than 30 days prior to the election, and shall be removed within seven (7) days after election for which they were made. Each sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area. Signs can be no closer than 10 feet from roadway, or if there is a sidewalk (sign must be behind sidewalk). The party responsible for erecting the sign shall be held for violations. <b>Staff Contact: Tom Datt 704.263.4779.</b>
*The purpose of this document is a compilation of political sign regulations throughout Gaston County, including municipalities, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and Board of Elections, and to offer a contact for each jurisdiction warranted by the proposed location of a sign. Also, this document should not be viewed as to authorize placement of a sign in any jurisdiction as it is important to contact the appropriate local jurisdiction to confirm the sign placement process including zoning, permit, and fees. 4.10	