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# CITY OF DORAL

Political Sign Ordinance

2020



The City of Doral Code Compliance Department understands citizens' first amendment rights, in particular the need to place election/candidate signs throughout our City. With this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to provide this guide to you & your campaign team on the regulations to be aware of before the placement of these signs in Doral.

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# DEFINITIONS

- ***Election Sign-*** Signs announcing political candidates seeking public office or advocating positions relating to ballot issues.
- ***Public Property-*** All publicly owned property, including streets, right-of-way, and easements.

# Pre-Election Requirements

- Prior to posting signs, all candidates shall file with the City Clerk's Office and provide local contact information.
- \$500.00 cash bond is required for each campaign and will be returned within 7 calendar days after the election for which the candidate relates, & all signs have been confirmed to be removed.



# Regulations At-A-Glance



- No signs shall be attached upon any public property and/or public right-of-way.

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- All signs shall be placed at least 5 feet from the public right of way.

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- All signs within public property (i.e. medians, swales, public poles) will be removed.
- Permitted in ALL zoning districts.



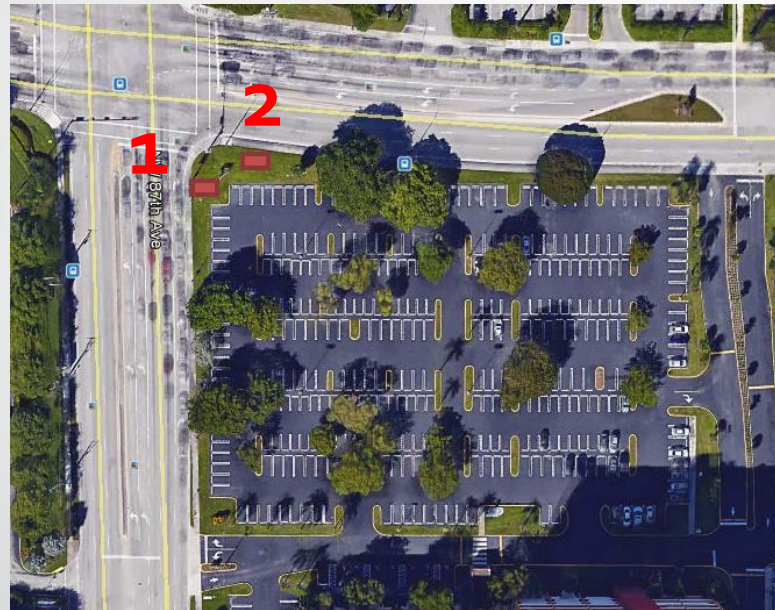
# Regulations At-A-Glance (cont'd)



- No more than 1 political sign per candidate/measure/issue on any one private property.



# Regulations At-A-Glance (cont'd)



- Only exception is if it is a corner lot, in which case 2 signs per candidate/measure/issue is allowed.

# Regulations At-A-Glance (cont'd)

2' x 2'



1' x 4'

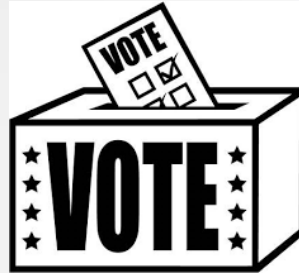
- Maximum size of a sign shall not exceed 4 square feet in area.

# Regulations At-A-Glance (cont'd)



- Election advertising vehicles whose primary purpose is to display election/campaign signs are not allowed.
- Only exception is private vehicles that have no more than 2 signs safely displayed & must also comply with the previous requirements of this ordinance.

# Regulations At-A-Glance (cont'd)



- Political signs may not be placed upon private property sooner than 60 days prior to election in which the candidate's name or ballot issue shall appear on the ballot.
- All political signs shall be removed 7 calendar days subsequent to the election for which they relate.
- In event of a runoff election, political signs of affected candidates may remain on private property until 7 days after runoff election takes place.

# Enforcement

## **VIOLATION**

- This section, along with all sections of the City code, will be enforced uniformly throughout the City of Doral.
- All violations of this ordinance will be subject to a \$100.00 civil violation (citation) *per violation*.
- Violations of the election advertising vehicle section are subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
- All citations must be paid within 20 days from the date of issuance, unless the candidate requests an appeal before a Special Magistrate.



# Thank you!

- We hope that this information has proven useful!
- Most importantly, if in doubt about the placement of your signs, ASK!
- Feel free to contact our Department directly with any questions.

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