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NORTH BAY VILLAGE

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNAGE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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This policy is administratively enacted to clarify the position of the North Bay Village Administration pertaining to the location of political campaign signage within the Village and what action(s) the Village Administration shall take should signage be found not to be in compliance:

1. North Bay Village shall follow the requirements of Section 106.1435, Florida Statutes entitled, "Usage and Removal of Political Campaign Advertisements" as well as the Political Sign Regulations of the North Bay Village Code of Ordinances, Section 152.084 – copies of both documents attached.
2. Where political signage is found to be in non-compliance for any reason (location, size, or safety due to manner of installation), the candidate or the candidate's campaign office shall be notified in writing of the violation and they shall be given 48 hours to bring the violation into compliance. If it is a safety issue remedial action may be taken immediately by Village personnel.
3. Failure to bring non-compliant political signage into compliance within the allotted time frame shall result in the Village taking the appropriate action to enforce compliance including, but not limited to: Reporting said violation(s) to the appropriate Department of Elections (State for State offices and County for local offices), Imposition of fines as provided for in the Village Code, or the removal of said signage as deemed appropriate for the violation.

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Village, Manager

Mayor **Connie Leon-Kreps** | Vice Mayor **Eddie Lim** | Commissioner **Dr. Richard Chervony** | Commissioner **Wendy Duvall** | Commissioner **Jorge Gonzalez**

NORTH BAY VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES

POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

§ 152.083

Single-Family Residential (RS-1, RS-2) Districts. No sign will be allowed in these districts except the following, or signs otherwise exempted in this subchapter:

(A) (4) One temporary non-illuminated political sign per parcel not to exceed three square feet in area.

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(B) Multifamily Residential (RM-40, RM-70) Districts. No sign will be allowed in these districts except the following, or signs otherwise exempted in this subchapter:

(3) One temporary non-illuminated political sign per building or on such per unit basis as may be allowed by applicable condominium or home owners association bylaws, rules and regulations, such sign not to exceed 12 square feet in area in RM-40 Districts and not to exceed 20 square feet in area in RM-70 Districts.

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(C) Commercial (CG, CL) Districts. No sign will be allowed in these districts except the following, or signs otherwise excepted in this subchapter:

Political signs are exempt from application of § 152.083(C).

§ 152.082 Removal of signs.

(B) Political signs shall be removed within seven days after the last election in which the candidate or issue was on the ballot.

Section 106.1435, Florida Statutes
Usage and removal of
Political campaign advertisements

Signs placed on the State, County or City rights of way – Political campaign signs may not be placed on any state, county or city rights of way.
Signs placed on private property – Temporary political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner, and such signs do not require a permit under state law.

Please advise your campaign workers to ensure that signs are placed on private property. Signs placed on the state, county or city rights of way may be picked up by the appropriate staff and placed in one of the department's maintenance yards.

(1) Each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political campaign advertisements within 30 days after:
- **(a) Withdrawal of his or her candidacy:**
- **(b) Having been eliminated as a candidate; or**
- **(c) Being elected to office**

However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements that are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons.

(2) If political campaign advertisements are not removed within the specified period, the political subdivision or governmental entity has the authority to remove such advertisements and may charge the candidate the actual cost of such removal. Funds collected for removing such advertisements shall be deposited to the general revenue of the political subdivision.

(3) Pursuant to chapter 479, no political campaign advertisements shall be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed or located on or above any state or county road right-of-way.

(4) The officer before whom a candidate qualifies for office shall notify the candidate, in writing, of the provisions in this section.

(5) This provision does not preclude municipalities from imposing additional or more stringent requirements on the usage and removal of political campaign advertisements.