

Rowan County Board of Elections

GUIDELINES FOR PLACING POLITICAL SIGNS AT VOTING LOCATIONS

POLLING PLACE BUFFER ZONES

The entrance to all polling sites has a 50-foot buffer zone marked with “No Campaigning” signs. Political signs placed within the buffer zone will be removed. All electioneering must take place outside of the buffer zone at all Election Day polling places and One-Stop Early Voting sites. Persons working for candidates cannot obstruct the sidewalks or entrances to the buildings. Remember, some of our polling sites are schools, town halls, and fire departments, therefore, every person entering the building may not be there to vote.

Electioneering and signage is not allowed within the curbside buffer zone. Curbside voting areas are designated at all polling places and One-Stop Early Voting sites for disabled and elderly voters to vote from their vehicles.

Signs must not be placed at polling locations until 36 hours before the election and must be removed by 36 hours after the election has ended.

CITY AND TOWN ORDINANCES FOR SIGN PLACEMENT

Candidates must contact the individual city or town to review current ordinances in order to place signs inside the city or town limits of any municipality in Rowan County. Municipalities include: [China Grove](#), [Cleveland](#), [East Spencer](#), [Faith](#), [Granite Quarry](#), [Kannapolis](#), [Landis](#), [Rockwell](#), [Salisbury](#) and [Spencer](#).

SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS

Neither the county boards nor the State Board regulates the placement of signage except at polling sites. Signs fall under [N.C.G.S. § 136-32](#) and are under the purview of the Department of Transportation or the individual municipality. In terms of signs on private property, that is the purview of the property owner and possibly their HOA, if one exists. Review the signage requirement guidelines at the [Littering Statutes Filing Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#). (Ref: State Board of Elections website: <https://www.ncsbe.gov>)

North Carolina Department of Transportation – Rowan County: (704) 630-3200.

BOARDS OF EDUCATION SIGN PLACEMENT

Schools are often used as polling places on Election Day. Use the following links for school policies regarding political signs.

[Rowan-Salisbury Schools - Policy 5210](#)

[Kannapolis City Schools – Policy 5035](#)

RESTRICTED POLLING PLACES

The following polling places are “restricted.” This means **NO** electioneering activities are permitted on their property. This includes distributing campaign literature, soliciting votes, displaying political advertising (campaign signs) or otherwise engaging in election related activity.

PRECINCTS	VOTING PLACE	ADDRESS
#2 - BLACKWELDER PARK	BLACKWELDER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH	2204 SUMMIT AVENUE, KANNAPOLIS
#13 - ROCK GROVE	ROCK GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	1050 ROCK GROVE CHURCH ROAD, SALISBURY
#16 - WEST KANNAPOLIS	ST. JOHNS REFORMED CHURCH, INC.	901 N. MAIN STREET, KANNAPOLIS
#21- NORTH LOCKE	SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH	5080 SHERRILLS FORD ROAD, SALISBURY
#34- WEST WARD II	MAUPIN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	100 MAUPIN AVENUE, SALISBURY
#44- WEST ENOCHVILLE	PIEDMONT BAPTIST CHURCH	5870 WRIGHT ROAD, KANNAPOLIS