



Beaufort County Administrator

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ATTN: All Political Candidates **RE: Campaign Sign Regulations**

Article XV of The Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance regulates the posting of campaign signs in Beaufort County. **If you plan to run for office, please review these regulations to avoid penalties.**

- A permit is required from the Beaufort County Zoning Office before a candidate may post campaign signs. The fee is \$5 and covers an unlimited number of signs.
- Signs posted in the Corridor Overlay District must be at least 10 feet from the highway rights of way. This pertains to US 21, US 17, US 278, SC 170, SC 802, SC 280, SC 46, SC 116, SC 163
- Political signs must be removed within 48 hours after the election
- Only candidates whose names will appear on the ballot may display signs
- If approval for placement within the state rights-of-way is granted, the candidate must present the approval when applying for a county permit.
- Signs placed within any street or highway right-of-way or attached to trees, fence posts, utility poles or other natural features or other signs erected without a permit are subject to a 10-day impoundment without notice
- Impounded signs may be recovered upon payment of \$1 for each square foot of the sign. If the sign is not claimed within 10 days, it will be discarded or sold.

Article XV of the Beaufort County ZDSO may be accessed through the Beaufort County Council page at the county website, www.bcgov.net.