

POLITICAL SIGNAGE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-3

WHEREAS, this policy of the City of Reno, Lamar County, Texas is in addition to the guidelines and regulations established by the Texas Election Code, other applicable laws of the State of Texas, and any City ordinances regarding signage contained in the City of Reno, Lamar County, Texas Ordinances Code.; and

WHEREAS, Political Sign Parameters: If City Hall has been designated as an early polling location and/or a polling location on election day, each candidate/proposition may erect one political sign no larger than 18" x 24" on wire stakes only, staked no deeper than six inches nor raised no higher than five feet above the natural grade. The signs must be unlighted with no moving parts and utilize wire stakes only (wooden stakes or steel stakes are not permitted). One sign in support for or against each proposition on the ballot may also be erected consistent with these parameters; and

WHEREAS, Location and Placement of Sign: Signs may be placed in an area designated by the election official or the City Secretary which customarily will be the grassy island adjacent Blackburn Street, at the northeast corner of the City Hall parking lot. Political signs may not be placed outside this designated area, on any other City-owned property; and

WHEREAS, Timetable for Sign Placement: If City Hall has been designated as a polling location during early voting and/or on election day, signs may be placed two days prior to the beginning of early voting and may remain throughout election day. If City Hall has been designated as a polling location on Election Day only, political signs may go up 24 hours prior to election. All political signs must be removed from City property within three days of the Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Timetable for Sign Placement for Run-Off Elections: If City Hall has been designated as a polling location during early voting for run-off election, signs may be placed two days prior to the start of the voting period. If City Hall has been designated as a polling location for Election Day in a run-off election, signs may be placed 24 hours before run-off election day. All signs must be removed within three days following the run-off election day; and

WHEREAS, At all other times and on any other City-owned property which has not been designated as a polling location for either early voting, election day, or run-off election, the posting of political signs is prohibited;

NOW THEREFORE, Signs placed in violation of the above guidelines will be removed by staff of the City of Reno, Lamar County, and held until after the election or until retrieved by the candidate, whichever is sooner. Signs not retrieved under these guidelines will be destroyed.

THIS ORDINANCE was passed in open session of the Reno, Lamar County City Council sitting in regular session on the April 14, 2014.

SIGNED on April 14, 2014.

ATTEST:

William "Buddy" Heuberger, Mayor

Cara Hubbard, City Secretary

David Hamilton, City Attorney