**Excerpt from Ordinance 1057**

**Political Signs**

***ARTICLE 16. SIGNS***

* + 1. Political Signs

Political signs are subject to the following requirements:

* + - 1. Political signs shall not be erected earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the primary election date and must be removed within seven (7) days after the election. In the event of a run-off election, the signs of the run-off candidates may be maintained until the date of the run-off election and must be removed within seven (7) days after the official election date. However, signs belonging to successful primary candidates may remain in place for the general election and must be removed within seven (7) days after the official election date.
			2. Political signs are limited in size to no more than thirty-two (32) square feet.
			3. Such signs are confined wholly to placement on private property.
			4. Public Rights-of-Way and Public Property

It is unlawful to erect or display political signs on any property owned or controlled by the City of Bay Minette or on Baldwin County Board of Education property. This shall include public rights­ of-way, trees, light poles, sidewalks, streets, benches, fire hydrants, public parks or playgrounds, libraries, fire stations, City Hall, and schools.

Pursuant to Section 23-1-6 of the *Code of Alabama,* signs, markers and advertising on the rights-of­ ways of state-controlled highways are prohibited except those official signs or markers placed thereon by the State Department of Transportation or under its authority.

Pursuant to Section 45-2-180.20 of the *Code of Alabama,* signs, markers and advertising pertaining to political campaigns, on the rights-of-ways of state and county-controlled highways are prohibited in Baldwin County except those official signs or markers placed thereon by the State Department of Transportation or by Baldwin County or under the authority of either governmental entity. No sign, marker, or political poster may be attached to any official sign or marker placed by the State Department of Transportation or by Baldwin County or on any utility pole or tree on the right of ways of a state or county.

* + - 1. The regulations of this Section do not prohibit the purchase of advertising space on permitted advertising signs in addition to the signs permitted by this Section.
			2. It is the candidates' responsibility to ensure that the volunteers and sign contractors who distribute and erect political signs during an election are doing so in compliance with this

regulation. Candidates will be held responsible for violations.