



# City of Bay Minette

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### Case No. RA-25001, Proposed Zoning Ordinance Regulation Amendment Related to Section 16.03.17 Political Signs

Notice is hereby given that the City of Bay Minette Planning Commission and City Council will each conduct a public hearing concerning RA-25001, Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment related to Section 16.03.17 Political Signs.

The Bay Minette **Planning Commission** will conduct the first public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, February 13, 2025** beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Minette City Hall located at 301 D'Olive Street, Bay Minette, AL 36507.

The Bay Minette **City Council** will conduct a second public hearing and first reading during its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, February 18** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Minette City Hall located at 301 D'Olive Street, Bay Minette, AL 36507. The second reading of the regulation amendment is scheduled during its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, March 3, 2025** beginning at 6:00 p.m., also in the Council Chambers of Bay Minette City Hall.

The proposed regulation amendment materials will be available for public review at Bay Minette City Hall and on the Planning & Development Department website ([cityofbayminetteal.gov](http://cityofbayminetteal.gov)). If you desire to speak with someone by telephone about this amendment, please contact Planning & Development Services at (251) 580-1650. If you desire to submit comments, please email to [COBM\\_Planning@cityofbayminetteal.gov](mailto:COBM_Planning@cityofbayminetteal.gov) or address your correspondence to:

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Please include the case number noted above in all correspondence. If you desire to address the Planning Commission or City Council in person about this amendment, please attend the public hearings on the dates, times and location listed above.

*Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those requiring language translation services should contact Planning & Development Services.*

Notice Date – January 27, 2025

RA-25001, Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 16.03.17  
Political Signs  
*Version 1 as Presented to the Planning Commission on February 13, 2025*

**CURRENT VERSION**

**ARTICLE 16. SIGNS**

**16.03.17 Political Signs**

Political signs are subject to the following requirements:

- 16.03.17.01** 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.
- 16.03.17.02** Political signs are limited in size to no more than thirty-two (32) square feet.
- 16.03.17.03** Such signs are confined wholly to placement on private property.
- 16.03.17.04** Pursuant to *Section 21-3-6 of the Code of Alabama*, it is unlawful to erect or display political signs on any property owned or controlled by the City of Bay Minette or on School Board 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.
- 16.03.17.05** 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.
- 16.03.17.06** 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.

# PROPOSED REDLINE VERSION

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**16.03.17.04** [Public Rights-of-Way and Public Property](#)

~~Pursuant to Section 21-3-6 of the Code of Alabama, it is~~ unlawful to erect or display political signs on any property owned or controlled by the City of Bay Minette or on ~~School Board 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.](#)

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# PROPOSED CLEAN VERSION

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