



# CITY OF DORAL

## CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL SIGNS INFORMATION

As a candidate for the City of Doral City Council, it is imperative that you and your campaign staff abide with all applicable Florida Statutes and City of Doral Ordinances relating to campaign and political advertising.

Political advertising is governed primarily by Chapter 106 of the Florida Statutes and by **Chapter 14, Article IV, titled “Political Signs”** of the City of Doral Code of Ordinances. It is incumbent upon candidates and their campaign staff to make themselves familiar with these provisions before beginning any campaign activities.

There are several rules that candidates and campaign organizations should be aware of from the outset of a campaign. The following is a simplified description of these laws to put you on notice of the requirements:

### **Election / Political / Campaign Signage definitions:**

**Sec. 14-72** of the City Code defines “Election Signs” as “*signs announcing political candidates seeking public office or advocating positions relating to ballot issues*” which are prohibited on all public property. “Public Property” is defined as “*all publicly owned property, including streets, rights-of-way, and easements.*”

### **City of Doral Election Signage Prohibitions, Restrictions & Requirements**

For a complete listing of election signage prohibitions, restrictions and requirements please refer to Chapter 14, Article IV of the City Code which can be found in the City’s website at [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com) in the “City Clerk” page under “Code of Ordinances.” The following list is a summary of the City of Doral election signage prohibitions, restrictions, and requirements.

- Candidates are prohibited from posting an election sign on any public property. All unlawfully posted signs on public rights-of-way will be subject to removal by the City immediately.
- Candidates are limited to no more than one (1) election sign on any one (1) private property unless it is on a corner lot in which case two (2) signs per candidate are allowed.
- All campaign and political signs are limited to four (4) square feet in area and four (4) feet in height in residential districts. Signs in non-residential districts are limited to four (4) square feet in area and no more than six (6) feet in height.
- All campaign related roof signs, banners and/or balloons are prohibited.
- All election signs must be removed seven (7) calendar days subsequent to the election.
- The operation of an election advertising vehicle upon any street under the city’s jurisdiction is prohibited.

- Election advertising vehicles shall not include or attach any trailers or haul any other vehicle trailer. This prohibition does not apply to private vehicles with no more than two (2) signs safely displayed, mass transit vehicles and taxicabs.
- No election sign may be placed upon private property sooner than **60 days** prior to the election in which the candidate's name or ballot issue shall appear on the ballot. In the event of a runoff election following a primary election, political signs may remain on private property until seven days after the runoff election.
- All candidates must post a **bond of \$500.00** with the City Clerk during each election campaign. This bond is conditioned upon the candidate removing all election and political signs by the seven (7) day limit. Failure to remove all signs will result in forfeiture of the bond. The bond will be returned upon verification by City of Doral Code Compliance that all signage relating to the candidate's campaign has been removed.