

SIGNAGE SUMMARY - CHATHAM COUNTY, NC

- **Signs cannot be placed in the right of way except as noted in GS 136-32.**
 - (a) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The Department of Transportation may remove any signs erected without authority or allowed to remain beyond the deadline established in subsection (b) of this section.
 - (b) **Compliant Political Signs Permitted.** ("political sign" means any sign that advocates for political action)
 - September 15th to November 13th persons may place political signs in the right-of-way of the State highway system as provided in this section.
 - Signs must be placed in compliance with subsection (d)
 - must be removed by November 13th. the end of the period prescribed in this subsection.
 - Any political sign remaining in the right-of-way of the State highway system more than 30 days after Nov. 13th shall be deemed unlawfully placed and abandoned property, and a person may remove and dispose of such political sign without penalty.
 - (d) **Sign Placement.** - You must obtain the permission of any property owner of a residence, business, or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected.
 - Signs must be placed in accordance with the following:
 - (1) No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
 - (2) No sign shall be closer than three feet from the edge of the pavement of the road.
 - (3) No sign shall obscure motorist visibility at an intersection.
 - (4) No sign shall be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement of the road.
 - (5) No sign shall be larger than 864 square inches.
 - (6) No sign shall obscure or replace another sign.
- Signs are not permitted on utility poles or any highway signage.
- Signs cannot be larger than 32 square feet in size.
- Signs larger than 2 X 3 feet in general must have a legend.
- The legend must be 1/20 the height of the sign.
- The Town of Pittsboro requires a \$50 deposit for signs.
- You cannot place signs in the Town of Siler City until 30 days before one stop voting begins. (One Stop voting begins October 15, 2020)
- All signs must be picked up within 10 days after the election.
- Most small yard signs do not require a legend.

If you have any questions concerning signage, please call the Chatham Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500.

Pittsboro Sign Regulations. (CCDP has paid the Pittsboro deposit)

The following restrictions apply to campaign signs:

- Individual signs may not exceed 12 square feet
- Only one sign per candidate may be displayed on a lot • No signs are permitted in the right of way of any street
- Property owners will be held responsible for violations
- All signs shall be removed within 7 days following an election
- Prior to placing any sign, the candidate or an authorized representative shall post a guarantee in the amount of \$50.00 to assure signs will be removed within the above stated time, this fee will be refunded upon timely removal of the signs
- These rules apply with the zoning jurisdiction of the Town of Pittsboro; US Hwy 15-501 north to the Haw River. US Hwy 64 east to the Haw River. US Hwy 64 west to the Manco Dairy Road. US Hwy 15-501 south to Charlie Brooks Road. Sign shall not be placed more than 90 days from the election to which they apply.