

RESOLUTION NO. R-2555

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSENBERG, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING ELECTIONEERING ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY USED AS A POLLING PLACE.

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WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary and proper and in the best interest of the City to establish a policy regarding electioneering on City-owned property (Policy) when in use as a polling location; and,

WHEREAS, the Policy seeks to define size, type, and location for political signage, to establish a time limit for placement of such signage, to establish guidelines on the placement of tents, canopies and/or camp set-ups, to designate parking spaces for voter use, and to designate the City Secretary to interpret and enforce said Policy ; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSENBERG:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Rosenberg hereby adopts a Policy Regarding Electioneering on City-Owned Property Used as a Polling Place (Policy).

Section 2. A copy of said Policy is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof for all purposes.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED this 7th day of August 2018.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Danyel Swint, **CITY SECRETARY**



William Benton, **MAYOR**





Policy Regarding Electioneering on City-Owned Property Used as a Polling Place

In addition to the rules and regulations set forth in the law of the State of Texas and of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rosenberg, the City Council has established the following Policy regarding electioneering on City-owned property used as a polling place.

Political Sign Parameters:

- A. If a City-owned building is being used as a polling location, each candidate may erect:
 1. A maximum of two (2) large political signs no larger than four feet by four feet (4' x 4'), staked no deeper than twelve (12) inches using 3/8" rebar, and the overall sign height shall not be higher than five (5) feet above natural grade, on the building's premises in an area allowed by state law.
 2. A maximum of four (4) small political signs no larger than eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches using wire stakes, staked no deeper than six (6) inches, and the overall sign height shall not be higher than three (3) feet above natural grade, on the building's premises in an area allowed by state law.
 - i. *Building premises* shall include the structure, sidewalks, lawn areas and parking lots of the City-owned property.
 - ii. The signs shall be unlighted, with no moving parts. Signs shall not be staked with wooden or steel stakes, or posts.
 - iii. One small or large sign per group relating to each proposition on the ballot may also be erected in conformance with these parameters.
- B. If City Hall is not being used as a polling location, each candidate or group may erect one (1) small political sign on the premises of City Hall, provided that such sign shall be constructed and located in accordance with the size, location, and placement requirements set forth in this Policy.
- C. **Location and Placement of Sign:** Signs may be placed along the City Hall north and south driveways connecting to 4th Street. Signs may not be attached to any building or structure on the premises. Political signs on the premises of any other City-owned building that is in use as a polling location may be placed within an area allowed by state law, and in accordance with the number, size, and placement requirements set forth in this Policy.
- D. **Timetable for Placement of Signs and Canopies for Elections:** If a City-owned building is being used as a polling location, signs and canopies may be placed no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day, and must be removed **within three (3) days following Election Day.**
- E. Placement of signs in violation of the above Policy will be removed by City of Rosenberg staff and held until after the election or until retrieved by the candidate, whichever is sooner

Tents, Canopies, Camp Set-ups, etc.: One (1) tent, canopy, camp set-up or any similar structure no larger than twelve feet by twelve feet (12' X 12') is allowed per candidate, in designated locations only. Drawing for designated spaces will occur after the drawing of names for position on the ballots, in a manner established by the City Secretary.

Parking Spaces: Eight (8) parking spaces on each side of City Hall will be designated as voter parking only, including handicap parking spaces.

City Secretary Authority: The City Secretary is the election official for the City and shall oversee the administration of City elections and ensure compliance with this policy. The City Secretary is authorized to interpret the provisions of this policy and may issue directives for the enforcement of this policy.