



TOWN OF

GRANITE FALLS

North Carolina

Placement of Political/Campaign Signs in Granite Falls
(excerpted from the Granite Falls Zoning Ordinance, applicable in Town Limits & ETJ)

On Public Right-Of-Way

No sign shall be permitted on any public right-of-way or easement in any zoning district, except political signs subject to criteria below. Signs placed as such may be removed by Town Staff and destroyed without notice.

- A. **Compliant Political Signs Permitted.** During the period beginning on the 30th day before the beginning date of "one stop" early voting under G.S. 163-227.2 and ending on the 10th day after the primary or election day, persons may place political signs in street rights-of-way as provided in this section. Signs must be placed in compliance with subsection (B) of this section and must be removed by the end of the period described in this subsection. For purposes of this section, "political sign" means any sign that advocates for political action. The term does not include a commercial sign.
- B. **Sign Placement.** The permission of any property owner of a residence, business or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected must be obtained. Signs must be placed in accordance with the following:
 - a. No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
 - b. No sign shall be closer than three feet from the edge of the pavement of the road.
 - c. No sign shall obscure motorist visibility at an intersection.
 - d. No sign shall be higher than 42 inches (3.5 feet) above the edge of the pavement of the road.
 - e. No sign shall be larger than six (6ft²) square feet.
 - f. No sign shall obscure or replace another sign.

On Private Property

Temporary signs of candidates for election or for issues on a ballot shall be allowed on private property in any zoning district providing such signs do not exceed **sixteen (16ft²) square feet** in area per display face and two faces per sign. All such signs may not be erected prior to thirty (30) days before the beginning date of "one stop" early voting under G.S. 163-227.2 and must be removed within ten (10) days after the primary or election day. In all cases, the property owner and the political candidate shall be equally responsible for removal of the signs. Political signs placed in the right-of-way of a public street are subject to the limitations set forth in Section 1404.4. **Political signs are prohibited on Town owned property.**

Additionally, signs in truck beds or on vehicles are not permitted to be used as political signs.

No signs are allowed on Town of Granite Falls Recreation Center property or within the adjacent street right-of-way.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Greg Wilson, Town Planner at 396-3131.