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DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Inspection Services

Guilford County Board of Elections
Ms. Phyllis James
505 E Green Drive
High Point, NC 27260

RE: Political signs

Dear Ms. James:

Section 9-5-16(d)(3) c of the High Point Development Ordinance addresses the use of political signs. Political signs are permitted in all zoning districts within the City of High Point and may be placed without obtaining a permit, provided they conform to all regulations. Temporary political signs are permitted on private property with the property owner's permission. The signs are limited to six (6) square feet in size and six (6) feet tall. The number of signs is limited to six (6). The removal of the signs should be within seven (7) days after the election. The placement of political signs must be outside any public street right-of-way and outside any sight distance area at intersections.

Sign enforcement is of highest priority for the city and in an effort to enforce these regulations, we have been directed by City Council to confiscate any sign in violation of these regulations as permitted by Section 9-5-16 (n) (2). Section 9-8-4 (b) of the Development Ordinance also provides for the issuance of civil penalties. With the directive by City Council, we will be increasing our weekday enforcement as well as weekends. In determining signs in the rights-of-way, we use the edge of the roadway and the public improvements located farthest back on the right-of-way as the boundaries for enforcement. Public improvements are defined as sidewalks, streetlight and utility poles and underground electrical pedestals. Grassed areas along major streets and medians, which are maintained or mowed by the City of High Point also, can assist in identifying the street right-of-way.

Please advise all candidates and their campaign workers of these regulations. If there are any questions regarding these regulations, please contact me at 883-3345.

Sincerely,



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