



August 16, 2008

To: Political Candidates & Campaign Workers

From: Matthew Johnson, Planning Director

Re: **PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS**

The Town of Jamestown would like to familiarize candidates with the local zoning requirements for the placement of political signs within the Town's jurisdiction. The Town of Jamestown's Development Ordinance contains guidelines for the placement of political signs. Often, these regulations are overlooked; resulting in the removal and disposal of signs in violation.

The Town of Jamestown would like to provide you with a set of guidelines that may help you in selecting potential sites for political signs.

Political signs may be placed on any private property *if* authorized by the legal property owner and provided that:

- 1) There is only one (1) sign per candidate on any zone lot.
- 2) Signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area.
- 3) Signs may not be erected more than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and must be removed within seven (7) days after the election.

Political signs may **NOT** be placed:

- 1) Within a street right-of-way (typically includes the grassed area ten (10) feet behind the curb).
- 2) In median strips on divided streets.
- 3) On power poles or utility poles.
- 4) On governmental sign poles and/or signs.
- 5) On trees and other natural features.
- 6) On underpass columns or supports.
- 7) On traffic control boxes.

- 8) On vacant lots without the owner's written permission and without proper permits, if required.

When noted by our enforcement staff, political signs placed improperly will be removed and disposed of.

The goal of the Town of Jamestown and its staff is to provide each candidate with equitable rights to campaign, while upholding the Development Ordinance and assisting in maintaining the character and charm of our community. We ask that you also recognize and support our efforts by choosing proper sites for the placement of signs during your campaign.

Should you have specific questions, I would ask that you please call Matthew Johnson, Planning Director, at 336-454-1138 for further information. I would be glad to discuss any sign problems or questions that you may encounter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Johnson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Planning Director
Town of Jamestown