

Political Sign Regulations

Signs can go up 30 days *before* the beginning of One Stop Early Voting. They are to be taken down within 10 days of Election Day.

The Department of Transportation has strict requirements for political signs placed on highway right-of-ways. First, the person putting up the sign “must obtain permission of any property owner of a residence, business, or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected.”

According to General Statute 136-32(d):

The signs must be placed according to the following regulations

- No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
- No sign shall be closer than three feet from the edge of the pavement of the road.
- No sign shall obscure motorist visibility at an intersection.
- No sign shall be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement of the road.
- No sign shall be larger than 864 square inches (six square feet)
- No sign shall obscure or replace another sign.

There are also strict penalties for unlawful removal of political signs. It’s considered a Class 3 misdemeanor to steal, deface, vandalize, or unlawfully remove a political sign that is lawfully placed. To report Issues, contact your local law enforcement office:

Laurinburg Police Department: (910) 276-3211 or
Scotland County Sheriff’s Department: (910) 276-3385

The Scotland County Board of Elections is not responsible for regulating signs, outside of the required legend “Paid for by [Committee Name]”. To report placement issues contact the NC Department of Transportation.

Political Signs on Private Property are not constricted to the time frame above and are not regulated by the Scotland County Board of Elections.