

Temporary Political Campaign Signs

Candidates and Committees must call Code Enforcement

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections has no jurisdictional authority in the governance or enforcement of temporary political campaign-sign placement regulations at any level of federal, state, county, or municipal government.

Generally, a candidate for local office can erect campaign signs after the close of the candidate-qualifying period. Candidates are responsible for contacting the appropriate code enforcement office to determine when and where temporary political campaign signs can be erected. A candidate for county-wide office in Lee County, who intends to erect temporary political campaign signs, will need to contact each code enforcement office listed in this notice in order to obtain information about temporary campaign-sign placement regulations.

Florida Statute 106.1435 provides that each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political campaign advertisements within 30 days after: withdrawal of his or her candidacy; having been eliminated as a candidate; or being elected to office.

A candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements which are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business, for example (standard/slat billboards, electronic billboards/signs) as provided in Florida Statutes Chapter 479. The provisions do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons.

A political subdivision or governmental entity has the authority to remove campaign advertisements that are not removed within the specified period and may charge the candidate the actual cost for removal. No political campaign advertisements may be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed, or located on or above any state or county road right-of-way.

Lee County and each of its municipalities have varying ordinances and regulations that govern temporary political campaign signs. A political subdivision or governmental entity may impose additional or more stringent requirements on the usage and removal of temporary political campaign signs.

<p>CITY OF CAPE CORAL CODE ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>CITY OF FORT MYERS CODE ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>LEE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT (UNINCORPORATED)</p>
<p>1015 CULTURAL PARK BLVD, CAPE CORAL 239-574-0613 www.capecoral.gov</p>	<p>1825 HENDRY ST #101, FORT MYERS 239-321-7940 www.cityftmyers.com</p>	<p>1500 MONROE ST, FORT MYERS 239-533-8895 www.leegov.com codeenforcement@leegov.com</p>
<p>CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS CODE ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>CITY OF SANIBEL CODE ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH CODE ENFORCEMENT</p>
<p>27300 OLD US 41 RD, BONITA SPRING 239-949-6257 www.cityofbonitasprings.org</p>	<p>800 DUNLOP RD, SANIBEL 239-472-4136 www.mysanibel.com</p>	<p>2523 ESTERO BLVD FORT MYERS BEACH 239-765-0202 www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov code@fortmyersbeachfl.gov</p>