

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)


Date: _____

Meeting Date: 3/11/2024

Submitted By: County Judge's Office

Department: County Judge's Office

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

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| <p>Court Decision: This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</p> |
|  <p>March 11, 2024</p> |

Description:

Discuss Limitations on Political Signs on County Property

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: _____

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: _____ minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

Action Item Consent Workshop Executive Other _____

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

County Attorney IT Purchasing Auditor

Personnel Public Works Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

**Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents
In Your Submission Email**



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



March 11, 2024

Christopher Boedeker
County Judge

Rick Bailey
Commissioner
Precinct 1

Kenny Howell
Commissioner
Precinct 2

Mike White
Commissioner
Precinct 3

Larry Woolley
Commissioner
Precinct 4

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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ORDER 2024-24

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

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ORDER REGULATING TEMPORARY SIGNS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Commissioners Court is authorized by Chapter 291, Local Government Code to provide and maintain county buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Commissioners Court is authorized by Section 61.003 and Section 85.036, Election Code to enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering on the premises of a county building used as a polling place, including during the early voting period; and

WHEREAS, the installation of signs on county property creates an unnecessary risk of damage to county property and injury to pedestrians and other members of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY THAT:

1. A person may not cause or authorize a temporary sign to be installed, affixed, or maintained on or over county property including the installation of any temporary sign used for commercial or noncommercial purposes, except for temporary signs installed by the county for official county business.
2. For purposes of this Order, “temporary sign” means a banner, poster, or advertising display constructed of paper, cloth, plastic sheet, cardboard, plywood, or other like material that appears to be intended to be displayed for a limited period of time.

3. This Order is applicable to all county properties including county property used as a polling place on election days, except as follows:
 - a. All legal “electioneering” pursuant to Texas Election Code § 61.003 is allowed on county property used as a polling place beyond the prohibited distance to the polling place, including signs promoting candidates or ballot positions that may be displayed, waved, and distributed, but said signs may not be installed on or over county property by stakes in the ground, metal “T-Post” in the ground, or any other method intended to temporarily affix the sign to county property that may damage underground water lines, telephone lines, irrigation lines, or sprinkler heads. Small “yard signs” promoting candidates or ballot positions that have the two metal rods approximately 1/8” inch diameter may be affixed to the county property beyond the prohibited distance to the polling place.
4. Any sign improperly installed, affixed, or maintained on or over county property under this Order will be considered abandoned and will be removed by county officials.
5. A violation of this Order is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor with a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
6. Order 2014-09 “Amended Johnson County Regulations Regarding Electioneering on County Owned Property Outside the 100 Feet Perimeter as Described in Section 61.003(a) of the Texas Election Code”, approved on February 24, 2014, remains in effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND THE SEAL OF JOHNSON COUNTY THIS,
11TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge

Voted: ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstained

Rick Bailey, Comm. Pct. 1

Voted: ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstained

Kenny Howell, Comm. Pct. 2

Voted: ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstained

Mike White, Comm. Pct. 3

Voted: ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstained

Larry Woolley, Comm. Pct. 4

Voted: ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstained

ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk