



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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ORDER 2024-24

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

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 installing 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 property 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, natural gas lines, irrigation lines or sprinkler heads. Small “yard signs” promoting candidates or ballot positions that have the two metal rods approximately 1/8” in diameter may be affixed to the county property beyond the prohibited distance to the polling place.
 - b. Signs promoting candidates and ballot positions shall not be placed on county property more than twenty-four (24) hours before the time that early voting begins.
 - c. Signs promoting candidates and ballot positions must be removed within seventy-two (72) hours after the time election day voting ends, meaning that signs placed on county property for early voting may remain on county property through election day voting. Signs not removed within the seventy-two (72) hour time period after election day voting ends will be removed and disposed of by county officials.
 - d. In the event there is a runoff election, signs promoting candidates shall not be placed on county property more than twenty-four (24) hours before the time that early voting begins for the runoff election and said signs must be removed within seventy-two (72) hours after the time voting ends on election runoff day. Signs not removed within the seventy-two (72) hour time period, will be removed and disposed of by county officials.
 - e. The largest signs promoting candidates or ballot positions that may be placed on county property are forty-eight (48) inches by forty-eight (48) inches.
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.
7. This Order Regulating Temporary Signs on County Property shall be effective as of June 1, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

Chris Boedeker

Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge

Voted: yes, no, abstained

Rick Bailey

Rick Bailey, Comm. Pct. 1

Voted: yes, no, abstained

Kenny Howell

Kenny Howell, Comm. Pct. 2

Voted: yes, no, abstained

Mike White

Mike White, Comm. Pct. 3

Voted: yes, no, abstained

Larry Woolley

Larry Woolley, Comm. Pct. 4

Voted: yes, no, abstained

April Long
ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk

