CITY OF MANDAN
WHERE THE WEST BEGINS

# Administration

2020 Election
RE: Posting of handbills, posters and placards

Dear Candidate:

As the June election draws near, and the number of complaints regarding the placement of campaign sign increases, I sense it is a good time to remind all candidates of the Municipal Code 18-03-05, which reads:

**Sec. 18-3-5. - Posting of handbills, posters and placards.**

(a) A person may not paste, stick, nail or post handbills, or make, print or mark any word, character or letter, or advertisement of any kind, upon any private house, store or other building, or upon any fence, wall, railing, telephone or electric light pole, or other private property without first obtaining the consent of the owner or occupant.

(b) A person may not paste, stick, nail or post handbills, or mark any word, character or letter, or advertisement of any kind, upon any public building, bridge, fence, railing or sidewalk or any other public property within the city except in compliance with the requirements of law in posting of legal notices. The posting of any sign or handbill upon public boulevards is expressly prohibited.

(c) A person may not deposit or place any handbill in or upon any vehicle, except in a manner that will prevent the handbill from being blown about or scattered by the elements.

(d) It is unlawful for any person to post, tack, paint or place cards, bills, streamers or banners of any character whatever upon the face of any sign on a wall or billboard used by any licensee without the consent of the owner or licensee of said sign, wall or billboard having first been obtained in writing.

(Code 1979, § 10-18-08; Code 1994, § 13-03-02)

As a general rule of thumb, signage cannot be placed in the public right of way or on public property. **Permission to place signage on private property must be obtained from the property owner.**

Please keep in mind that signage is not to be placed in any public boulevard. Again, a general rule is that a sign may be placed on the residence side of the sidewalk, not on the street side. In addition, signage may not obstruct the vision of the traveling public at street corners.

We do not actively seek out violations, however, if a complaint is received regarding signage, it is our responsibility to investigate and determine if the sign is placed properly. If it is found that a sign is improperly placed, the candidate will be notified and asked to immediately remove the sign. If it is not removed within 24 hours, it will be removed for you and available at the Public Works Department, 411 6th Ave SW, Mandan, ND, 667-3240.

Questions concerning public right of ways may be directed to the City Engineer's office at 667-3225.

Thank you!

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