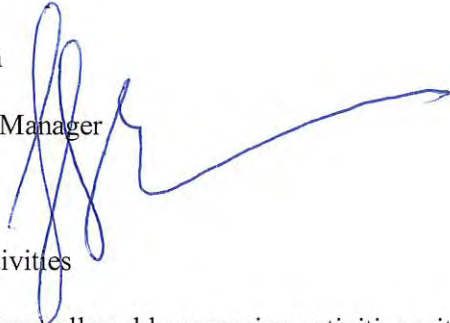


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## Community Development Districts

To: Candidates for Election  
From: Richard Baier, District Manager  
Date: February 26, 2020  
Subject: Political Campaign Activities



Each election period raises questions about allowable campaign activities within the Village Community Development Districts. In order to assist all candidates, we have prepared the following overview. However, any questions with regard to activities allowed or prohibited should be directed to District Administration at (352) 751-3939.

### **Signs:**

1. As it relates to political signage, the Declaration of Restrictions provides that no exterior signs will be permitted without the express written consent of the Developer. The Developer provided consent for properties north of C.R. 466 for the placement of one (1) professionally prepared sign not exceeding 24"x24" affixed to an exterior window of a residence. The Developer provided consent for properties south of C.R. 466 for the placement of one (1) professionally prepared "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign not exceeding 12"x12" affixed to an interior window of a residence. As information, the Board of Supervisors for Village Community Development District No. 1 elected not to enforce the deed restriction prohibiting signage within their respective District boundary.
2. Signs may not be affixed to the exterior walls of District-owned property.
3. Signs may be affixed to golf carts or Low-Speed Vehicles. Signs may be held by candidates or their supporters.
4. Signs may not be placed on District property. Signs placed on District property will be removed and the District is not liable for the return of removed signs.

### **Election Day Polling Places:**

1. Activities at polling places shall be in accordance with the interpretation of state statute or local ordinance by the applicable Supervisor of Elections. The Supervisor of Elections is the entity to interpret the statutes and local ordinances.
2. Persons in support of candidates or issues shall not interfere with any member of the public accessing/using District property or voters attempting to enter a polling place located on District property.

### **Community Development District Public Facilities**

1. Candidates and their supporters are allowed to stand on the exterior of District-owned facility property (i.e. postal facilities, recreation centers and at public events) in compliance with the Rules of the District.
2. Candidates and their supporters are not allowed to interfere with persons attempting to access District facilities and/or activities.
3. Candidates and their supporters are not allowed to implant or affix, in any way, any signage at these facilities. Signs may be affixed to golf cars, Low-Speed Vehicles or held by candidates or their supporters.

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**Per District Legal Counsel, a reminder as to:**

- Fla. Stat. s. 102.031(4)(a): No person, political committee, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 150 feet of the entrance to any polling place, a polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, an early voting site, or an office of the supervisor where vote-by-mail ballots are requested and printed on demand for the convenience of electors who appear in person to request them. Before the opening of the polling place or early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no-solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.
- Fla. Stat. s. 102.031(4)(e): The owner, operator, or lessee of the property on which a polling place or an early voting site is located, or an agent or employee thereof, may not prohibit the solicitation of voters outside of the no-solicitation zone during polling hours.