

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BOWIE

On this the 24th day of August 2020, Commissioner's Court of Bowie County Texas convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof at the County Courthouse in New Boston, Texas, due notice of the same having been duly published, with the following members of the Court present,

Bobby Howell
County Judge

Sammy Stone
Commissioner, Pct 1

Tom Whitten
Commissioner, Pct 2

James Strain
Commissioner, Pct 3

Mike Carter
Commissioner, Pct 4

Tina Petty
Bowie County Clerk

and the following absent, None
and among other proceedings passed the following Order

WHEREAS, Section 61.003.a-1 (a) of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE allows an entity that owns or controls a public building may enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering and

WHEREAS, Section 61.003.a-1 (b) defines electioneering to include the posting, use or distribution of political signs, or literature and

WHEREAS, Bowie County has previously had issues with the number and size of political signs posted in the past and desires to avoid such issues in the future

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commissioner's Court of Bowie County, Texas that political signage be limited to no more than three (3) 18" X 24" yard signs for each candidate, measure or political party.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that political signage location be posted no closer than 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which a polling place is located.

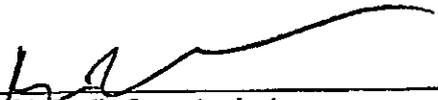
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this shall apply during any voting period and a voting period means the period beginning when the polls open for voting and ending when the polls close or the last voter has voted, whichever is later.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all political signage must be removed before 8:00 PM of the day following election day.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION being read, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon the question being called for, the following members of the Court voted AYE ALL

and the following members of the court voted NAY NONE

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this the 10th day of August 2020.



Bobby Howell, County Judge



Sammy Stone, Commissioner Precinct 1



Tom Whitten, Commissioner Precinct 2

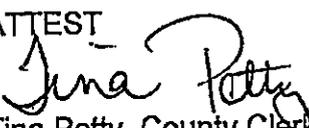


James Strain, Commissioner Precinct 3



Mike Carter, Commissioner Precinct 4



ATTEST

Tina Petty, County Clerk

Agenda Item #9

PROPOSED *Regulations* concerning Political Signs placed on the Premises of the Bowie County Courthouse during a Voting Period. I also propose that this be placed on the October 15, 2013 Commissioner's Court agenda.

Sec. 61.003. ELECTIONEERING AND LOITERING NEAR POLLING PLACE

(a-1) The entity that owns or controls a public building used as a polling place may not, at any time during the voting period, prohibit electioneering on the building's premises outside of the area described in Subsection (a), but may enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering.

(b) In this section:

(1) Electioneering includes the posting, use, or distribution of political signs, or literature.

(2) Voting period means the period beginning when the polls open for voting and ending when the polls close or the last voter has voted, whichever is later.

REASONS FOR THESE PROPOSALS

(1) Large Signs interfere with the vision of drivers exiting, or entering the Bowie County parking area.

(2) Metal posts, used to anchor large signs, have damaged the County's irrigation water lines.

(3) Vast number of signs are distracting and an eyesore.

PROPOSED REASONABLE SIGN REGULATIONS

(1) Size: Limit the size to 'Corrugated Yard Signs: (18 X 24, or smaller)'

(2) Number: Limit the number of signs to a maximum of three (3) signs for each candidate, measure, or political party.

H.B. No. 259

AN ACT

relating to electioneering conducted near a polling place.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 61.003, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.003. ELECTIONEERING AND LOITERING NEAR POLLING PLACE [PROHIBITED].

SECTION 2. Section 61.003, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a-1) The entity that owns or controls a public building being used as a polling place may not, at any time during the voting period, prohibit electioneering on the building's premises outside of the area described in Subsection (a), but may enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering.

(b) In this section:

(1) "Electioneering" includes the posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature.

(2) "Voting [,"voting] period" means the period beginning when the polls open for voting and ending when the polls close or the last voter has voted, whichever is later.

SECTION 3. The heading to Section 85.036, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 85.036. ELECTIONEERING [PROHIBITED].

SECTION 4. Section 85.036, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b) and (f) to read as follows:

(b) The entity that owns or controls a public building being used as an early voting polling place may not, at any time during the early voting period, prohibit electioneering on the building's premises outside of the area described in Subsection (a), but may enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering.

(f) In this section:

(1) "Early voting period" means the period prescribed by Section 85.001.

(2) "Electioneering" includes the posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate_____
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 259 was passed by the House on May 1, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House