## **ELECTION SIGNAGE REGULATIONS**

## • City Ordinances, Sec. 3.04.009 Location restrictions

- o No sign shall be erected, constructed, or maintained as follows:
  - (1) In violation of any provision of the comprehensive zoning ordinance of the city.
  - (2) So as to obstruct any fire escape, window, door, or other opening used as a means of egress or as legally required ventilation.
  - (3) On or attached to a fire escape.
  - (4) On or attached to any door or window casing.
  - (5) On or over any alley, park, light pole, utility pole, fire hydrant, or other object or structure situated on public property; provided that this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting the erection of signs by the city for the purpose of identification, direction, or information concerning traffic control.
  - (6) With any structural support or other portion thereof on or within any street right-of-way, parkway, alley, public sidewalk, park, or other public property.

## • Transportation Code, Sec. 393.002. SIGN PLACEMENT PROHIBITED.

- Except as provided by Sections <u>393.0025</u> and <u>393.0026</u>, a person may not place a sign on the right-of-way of a public road unless the placement of the sign is authorized by state law.
- Sec. 393.0025. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REGULATE SIGN PLACEMENT. (a)
  A person may not place a sign on the right-of-way of a road or highway maintained by a municipality unless the placement is authorized by the municipality.
- o (b) This section does not apply to the right-of-way of a road or highway in the state highway system.

## • Election Code, Sec. 61.003. ELECTIONEERING AND LOITERING NEAR POLLING PLACE.

- (a) A person commits an offense if, during the voting period and within 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which a polling place is located, the person:
  - (1) loiters; or
  - (2) electioneers for or against any candidate, measure, or political party.
- o (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.
- o (b) In this section:
  - (1) "Electioneering" includes the posting, use, or distribution of political signs or literature. The term does not include the distribution of a notice of a party convention authorized under Section 172.1114.
  - (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.
- o (c) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.