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Dear Candidate:

During this election cycle, the City of Charlotte Code Enforcement Division wants you to be aware of the City's sign ordinances. For purposes of the election, City **Health & Sanitation Code Section 10-212 and Zoning Ordinance Section 13-106(7)** apply.

**Section 10-212** prohibits signs being placed within the public rights of way and on public property, which is defined as within 11 feet of the edge of the pavement of any road, roadway, street, or alley, or within any public rights-of-way as defined in section 10-32, or upon any post, pole, tree, tree stake or guard, shrub, fire hydrant, or upon anything else within 11 feet of the edge of the public rights-of-way or upon any bridge or overpass within the City limits or upon other public property including, but not limited to, traffic medians. This section provides for escalating citation penalties per violation as follows:

- 1 - 5 sign(s) in violation is \$100.00 per sign**
- 6 -10 signs in violation is \$500.00 per sign**
- 11 or more signs in violation are \$1000.00 per sign**

Pursuant to **Section 13.106(7) of the Zoning Ordinance** campaign or election signs are permissible provided:

- 1) Individual signs shall not exceed 16 square feet in area;
- 2) Signs shall not be erected for more than 60 consecutive days, up to twice per calendar year;
- 3) Property owners shall be held responsible for violations;
- 4) Signs are not placed in the right-of-way. In the County, such signs must be placed behind telephone poles or where telephone poles would be located. Within the City, code section 10-212 defines the right-of-way as stated in the above paragraph.

**Signs placed in the street right-of-way are subject to immediate removal and the issuance of a citation.**

Our mutual purpose is to work together to carry out the requirements of our local sign ordinance. Please contact our office if we can be of assistance at 704-336-3380.

Sincerely,

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Code Enforcement Division Manager