

GUIDELINES FOR CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS AND ELECTIONEERS AT THE POLLING PLACE

The Cumberland County Board of Elections and Board of Elections Members ask all campaign workers and volunteers, private citizens, and others to help us promote a positive and safe environment for all voters.

BUFFER ZONES G.S. 163-166.4(a)

No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity in the voting place or in a buffer zone which shall be prescribed by the county board of elections around the voting place. In determining the dimensions of that buffer zone for each voting place, the county board of elections shall, where practical, set the limit at 50 feet from the door of entrance to the voting place, measured when that door is closed.

Anyone electioneering within the marked 50' buffer zone will be asked to move outside the buffer zone. Any voter complaints about overly aggressive electioneering should be reported to the Chief Judge at the site. If necessary, law enforcement may be contacted to deal with any individual who refuses to abide by the buffer zone restrictions or otherwise disrupts the voting process.

- **All complaints of violations of these guidelines will be reported to the responsible candidate or campaign.**
 - **Any activities that may constitute the commission of a crime shall be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.**
1. Respect the right of all voters to participate without fear of intimidation or violence.
 2. Be courteous towards everyone at the polling site by remaining civil and calm at all times, refraining from use of profanity or provocative gestures.
 3. Do not dig holes to erect signs, post signage on trees, or post signage on poles without the property owner's express written permission.
 4. Refrain from blocking or obstructing the sidewalks and walkways, from loitering in parking lots, from approaching vehicles and/or occupants of vehicles in the curbside voting area.
 5. Do not enter 50' Buffer Zone, or any similarly marked area designated for school bus access at school co-located sites.
 6. Do not cross underneath, between, or over rope barriers protecting sidewalks.
 7. Do not approach within 6' of vehicles utilizing curbside voting.
 8. Do not attempt to direct traffic.
 9. The designated entrance and exit should be used when entering and exiting for use of the restrooms, reserving the main entrance into the polling site for voter access.
 10. Persons may not enter the voting enclosure to ask how many people have voted. Regular updates will be provided.
 11. No person may loiter or do any electioneering within the voting enclosure.
 12. Dispose of all trash in the dumpster, and clean up at the end of your shift. Do not cause the entrance trash receptacles to overflow.
 13. **You are responsible for removing all campaign signage at the end of the final day of One Stop Early Voting.**

The following behaviors will not be tolerated:

- Breaching the established Buffer Zones and/or approaching voters in the designated buffer zone.
- Moving or removing the Buffer Zone Barrier signage.
- Approaching voters in their vehicles in the curbside voting area
- Use of profanity and/or aggressive behavior.

Linda Devore, Chair

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