



MIAMI BEACH

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CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION
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Dear Candidate:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy campaign schedule to learn about the rules and regulations regarding the placement of election signs within the City of Miami Beach. There are different regulations for public property, private property, and for your Miami Beach campaign headquarters. We urge you to review these rules with your campaign volunteers.

Public Property – The Miami Beach City Code (MBCC) strictly prohibits the placing of signs on public property. Section 82-412(a) states: "It shall be unlawful for any person to place, post or affix ...any sign upon a public sidewalk, building, fence, wall, boardwalk, pole, apparatus or equipment belonging to an electric utility company or other object or structure located upon a public sidewalk, swale, area or median within the city." Code Compliance Officers will remove the sign from the illegal location (whenever possible, they will attempt to contact the adjacent property owner and request that the illegally placed sign be moved to a permitted location). Violations of Section 82-412 may result in the issuance of citations and fines. Each sign is treated as a separate violation, and the fine for the first offense is \$50.00 per sign, the second offense is \$250.00 per sign and a third or subsequent offense is \$500.00 per sign. All costs incurred by the city for the removal of these signs may also be the responsibility of the violator. Illegally placed signs collected by Code Compliance will be available for retrieval from the Code Compliance Division office. Please call (305) 673-7555 for the office address and office hours.

Private Property - Signs on private property must meet the sign area limitations pursuant to Section 138-134 of the MBCC. The maximum sign area for election signs in the single family zoning districts is four (4) square feet (e.g., 2 feet by 2 feet; 1 foot by 4 feet, etc.). The sign area for all other zoning districts shall not exceed one square foot per three linear feet of street frontage, with a maximum sign area of not more than 75 square feet. Owners of properties that have election signs that exceed the maximum allowed area will first be issued warning notices. Failure to reduce the sign area to the allowable amount will result in a citation and the case being forwarded to the Special Master for a hearing. The Special Master may impose fines of up to \$1,000.00 per day per violation or in the case of a repeat violation, up to \$5,000.00 per day per violation.

Campaign Headquarters - Section 138-134(c) of the MBCC provides that campaign headquarters in commercial or industrial districts shall not have a sign area limitation. Each candidate may have four campaign headquarters, which shall be registered with the City Clerk. Signs for campaign headquarters in residential districts shall not exceed four square feet).

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Code Compliance Division at (305) 673-7555.

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