

## 2017 Campaign Information:

- *Election Signs within the City of Greeley*
- *Campaigning at City-sponsored community events*

Many inquiries during the election season relate to the placement of election signs within the City of Greeley and campaigning at City-sponsored events. It may be helpful in your campaign planning to know a few details about these two topics, and the following information has been gathered from various City departments for your use. If further information is desired, please contact Betsy Holder, City Clerk, by phone at 970-350-9742 or e-mail [betsy.holder@greeleygov.com](mailto:betsy.holder@greeleygov.com).

### *Election Signs within the City of Greeley*

Signs, in general, are regulated by local Ordinances and election sign provisions are included in Chapter 18.54 of the Greeley Code of Ordinances. A copy of this chapter can be viewed or printed from the City's web site at: <http://www.greeleygov.com>. The following is a summary of the Code provisions regarding election signs in Section 18.54.110:

- Election signs are allowed in all zoning districts.
- Cannot exceed 32 square feet per face in area.
- May be located on a property only with the consent of the property owner, authorized property manager or legal tenant. Must be located so as to maintain an unobstructed clear vision area for traffic at corners, driveways, along bike paths, etc.; no postings permitted on, or within, city rights-of-way.
- Also, signs or fliers cannot be posted on utility or traffic signal poles or cabinets.

Vehicle signs are addressed in the same section of the City's Code of Ordinances. A summary follows:

- A vehicle used for personal transportation may include a mounted sign, painted or otherwise have a sign affixed.

- For a parked vehicle:
  - The sign may not extend more than one foot above the roofline of the vehicle.
  - The vehicle may not be illuminated or have flashing signs.
  - The vehicle is licensed and operable.

Signs should be on private property. No signs are allowed in the public street rights-of-way (including those that block sight lines, as described above). Generally, street rights-of-way can be understood to be street medians, corners of intersections (including highways), and the parkway between the sidewalk and the street curb. In many cases, putting a sign behind the sidewalk will mean it is out of the right-of-way. Feel free to check with City staff (Planning Division, 970-350-9780) or on-line maps to confirm locations.

### *Campaigning at City-sponsored community events*

The calendar is full of community events sponsored by the City of Greeley and other organizations and held within public buildings and on public lands. Typical inquiries relate to the opportunities to greet event participants and/or provide campaign literature to them.

For any event within public buildings or on public lands it is permissible for an individual to approach and greet participants as they enter or leave an event and to provide campaign material. Campaigners cannot be disruptive or interfere with access to the event. To protect the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, it is important that sidewalks not be blocked in any way that would hinder safe travel or visibility.

The availability and cost of display booths within an event area will depend upon the event sponsor. For City-sponsored events, display areas generally must relate to the event's theme or ancillary services. An example is the annual Arts Picnic in July, and the display areas are usually limited to art and food vendors. For non City-sponsored events, you are encouraged to contact event organizers to inquire about display booth availability.