

BOSQUE COUNTY §

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STATE OF TEXAS §

AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF BOSQUE COUNTY REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL AND OTHER TEMPORARY SIGNS ON BOSQUE COUNTY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Bosque County Commissioners Court is the governing body of Bosque County; and

WHEREAS, the Court is authorized by law including, but not limited to, Sections 393.002 and 394 of the Texas Transportation Code, and Section 61.003 of the Texas Election Code regarding the placement of non-governmental signs on Bosque County property; and

WHEREAS, the Bosque County Commissioners Court desires to adopt an Order that sets forth guidelines on the display of such signs in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, the Bosque County Commissioners Court has determined that there is a need to avoid the undesirable perception of partiality in political affairs and commercial endeavors that may result from the placement of non-governmental signs on Bosque County property; and

WHEREAS, the Bosque County Commissioners Court desires to maintain the authority to regulate the placement of non-governmental signs, on all property owned and maintained by Bosque County, Texas that curtail no more free speech than is necessary to exercise the County's constitutional power to maintain its aesthetic beauty and to fulfill its constitutional duty of impartiality, and do not prohibit alternate methods of free speech.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section 1. Right-Of-Way Signs.

1.01 No sign shall be placed in the right-of-way of a public road that interferes with maintenance and/or upkeep of county roads unless the placement of the sign is authorized by state law or the express permission of the Bosque County Commissioners Court.

1.02 In the event a political or other temporary sign is placed within the County right-of-way it may be removed at the expense of the sign owner.

Section 2. County Owned Polling Place Signs.

- 2.01** Political signs may be placed on County property that is operating as a polling place in accordance with this section. The signs may be posted no earlier than the day before the first day of Early Voting and must be removed no later than the day after Election Day.

- 2.02** Pursuant to Section 61.003(c) of the Texas Election Code, a violation of these reasonable regulations concerning time, place, and manner of electioneering as found in Section 3 is a Class C misdemeanor.

ORDERED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT THIS THE 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

Don L. Pool
Bosque County Judge

Marvin Wickman
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Terry Townley
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Larry Philipp
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ronny Liardon
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Tabatha Ferguson
County Clerk

