# Ordinance 16.107 Campaign / Election Sign Regulations Chapter 16. Trade, Advertising, Industry, Signs Article 1. Advertising

# An Ordinance to Establish Campaign / Election Sign Regulations Within the Corporate Town Limits of McBee, South Carolina

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of McBee has determined that an addition is to be made to Chapter 16. Trade, Advertising, Industry, Signs Article 1. Advertising to add Section 16.107 Campaign / Election Sign Regulations.

The Town of McBee hereby votes to approve the addition of Section 16.107 Campaign / Election Sign Regulations to Chapter 16. Trade, Advertising, Industry, Signs Article 1. Advertising.

Mayor John Campolong

First Reading Vote Results Date: 05/01/2018
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Second Reading Vote Results Date 06/25/2018
5 For 0 Against
Public Hearing Date: 06/05/2018

## 16.107. CAMPAIGN / ELECTION SIGN REGULATIONS

#### A. Applicability and Conformance

This Ordinance regulates the size and physical characteristics of signs; allows campaign / election signs to be erected without prior Town Council approval.

With the adoption of this Ordinance, all signs within the corporate town limits of McBee are to be in compliance with this Ordinance.

### **B.** Temporary placement

The following signs are permitted for a limited amount of time as provided below:

### 1. Temporary Campaign / Election Signs

#### **Definitions:**

"Campaign / Election sign" is a sign that contains primarily a campaign / election message.

"Public property" means any property owned or operated by a governmental entity that is open to the public and used for a public purpose. "Public property" includes, but is not limited to, a library, park, school, government building, public right-of-way or easement.

"Temporary campaign / election sign" means a sign that refers only to the issues of candidates involved in an election.

#### **Campaign Signs and Polling Places**

**State of South Carolina**: It is unlawful on an election day within two hundred feet of any entrance used by the voters to enter the polling place for a person to distribute any type of campaign literature or place any campaign / election posters. The poll manager shall use every reasonable means to keep the area within two hundred feet of any such entrance clear of campaign / election literature and displays, and the county and municipal law enforcement officers, upon request of a poll manager, shall remove or cause to be removed any material within two hundred feet of any such entrance distributed or displayed in violation of this section. (SC Code of Laws 7-25-180 (A))

Town of McBee Code of Ordinances Adopted: June 25, 2018

# **Temporary Campaign / Election Sign Regulations:**

- 1. A temporary campaign / election sign placed on public property shall comply with the following regulations:
  - a. Campaign / Election signs may not be erected no more than thirty (30) days prior to a town, county, state, or federal election and shall require that such signs be removed within fourteen (14) days following the election, provided however, that they be allowed to remain displayed between initial and run-off elections, provided not more than thirty (30) days shall pass between initial and run-off elections.
  - b. Size limitations are as follows: Temporary campaign / election signs shall be a maximum of 18" x 24".
  - c. Temporary campaign / election signs shall be made of durable materials adequate to withstand any wind loads, which might reasonable be experienced and should be maintained in good condition.
  - d. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to remove all campaign / election signs from property within the time specified in this ordinance.
  - e. The Town of McBee may, without notice, confiscate and dispose of any temporary campaign / election sign that is placed in violation or not removed as required.