SANTA ROSA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CODE ENFORCEMENT

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Candidates for 2022 Election Cycle:

As we enter the campaign season leading to early voting for the primary and later the general election, this memo is to serve as a reminder that signs are not allowed on County property (retention pond parcels, parks, fences, etc) or public rights of way. The right of way is generally that area between the edge of the roadway asphalt and the line of power poles. As with the previous campaign cycle, signs may exist at polling places and licensed vehicles will be allowed to park overnight in County regulated parking lots during early voting times in accordance with election law buffer distances. The Land Development Code (LDC) language is as follows:

4.10.01.J: Sign Placement

1. No signs other than those authorized by the Board of County Commissioners are allowed on or over public right-of-way; except as provided herein. 2. No signs shall project over public property except those signs authorized by the appropriate public agency. 3. No sign shall be located to restrict the view of drivers at an intersection, or while entering and leaving a public right-of-way.

4.10.01.0.1: Administration and Enforcement

1. All signs on public lands of any type, including public rights-of-way, in violation of the provisions of this section are subject to removal and disposal by code enforcement officers or other county-authorized personnel without notice or compensation. Such removal does not preclude citations or imposition of penalties for the violation.

We appreciate your cooperation in advance and wish you all good luck with the remainder of your campaign. Feel free to give me a call at 850-981-7112 or send me an email at chrisp@santarosa.fl.gov if you have any questions.

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