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Re: Campaign Signage—City of Leeds Sign Ordinance

To all City Council and Mayoral candidates and other interested parties:

This letter will serve as a courtesy reminder as to the City regulations governing the placement and removal of all political campaign signs within Leeds City Limits.

The City Council has adopted regulations pertaining to temporary signs within the City of Leeds. These regulations exempt political signs, provided that they meet the following criteria and are not placed, constructed or located in any manner so as to cause a hazard or nuisance to persons or property:

City Zoning Ordinance Article X § 5.00 (16)

A permit shall be obtained by the responsible individual(s) or party/parties, from the City of Leeds, to post all political campaign posters, signs, etc. provided that they do not create traffic hazards as a result of poor or improper placement. The said individual(s) or party/parties shall remove all such signs, posters, etc. within seventy-two (72) hours of the end of the general or run-off election or political event to which they pertain. Such signs shall not be illuminated in any manner whatsoever. [Snipe signs shall not be allowed*]

Please be advised that campaign signs which violate the Sign Ordinance, including but not limited to the section above, may be subject to abatement action pursuant to provisions in the Code, including but not limited to:

City Zoning Ordinance, Article X, § 19.00 & 20.00, :

Unlawful Signs.

Every sign in the City of Leeds shall be maintained in good structural condition at all times. The Building Inspector may inspect and shall have the authority to order the painting; repair, alteration, movement or removal of signs, which are dilapidated or abandoned, or which constitute a physical hazard to public safety. Any repair, painting, alteration, relocation or removal shall be at the sign owner's expense. See § 19.00 and § 2.00 of this Article below.

Confiscation of Signs Located on Public Right-Of-Way.

Any sign installed, erected or placed on a public right-of-way, except in conformance with the requirements of this Ordinance, shall be forfeited to the public and subject to confiscation following proper written notification of such violation to the property owner and/or sign owner. In addition to

the other remedies provided for under this Article, the City of Leeds shall have the right to recover from the owner or person placing the sign, the full cost of removal and disposal.

A political sign not posted in accordance with this section shall be removed by the candidate, property owner or person advocating the message on the sign and, upon their failure to do so within the time required herein, by the City.

Our full Sign Ordinance, 2015-06-06, is available for your reference on our website. Please visit leedsalabama.gov and navigate to Inspections Services > Zoning > Planning Commission>Zoning Ordinance. Candidates and other interested parties are encouraged to contact the Inspection Services Department with questions at (205) 699-2585 or email inspections@leedsalabama.gov.

** Snipe sign: Any sign of any size, made of any material, including paper, cardboard, wood and metal, when such sign is tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, poles, fences or other objects, and/or the advertising matter appearing thereon is not applicable to the premises upon which said sign is located.*