## Wimberley Community Center (and City of Wimberley owned facilities) Policies & Procedures Relating to Placement of Temporary Signs

## Types of Users:

## 1. Users that have approved Facility Rental Agreements

Users of the Facility may place appropriate temporary signage on the grounds, outside the Facility, at locations designated by the City of Wimberley. Designated areas include the landscaped islands in the parking lot and the landscaped area on the south side of the entrance drive. Signs may not be placed past the entrance to the adjacent property (the Thrift Shoppe). Such signage may be put up no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before the use and signs must be removed no later than 10:00 a.m. the day following the conclusion of the use. No temporary signage shall be permitted on the entrance island to the WCC or on the rock wall on the north side of the entrance (the Winters-Wimberley House side). Signs may be removed by the City at any time if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the sign is a traffic, safety, or other hazard to the public, or is in violation of this Policy.

## 2. Users for Election Purposes

In addition to the rules outlined in item 1 above, the City of Wimberley is authorized, by Sec. 61.003 and 85.036 of the Texas Election Code, to enact reasonable rules and regulations governing campaign practices at polling locations during voting periods. All political signs shall comply with all applicable state and federal requirements. All politically related activity, signs and literature must adhere to the areas outside of the 100-foot election zone. This means at least 100 feet away from an outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which the early voting and/or election day polling place is located. Additionally, all political signs must be placed in designated public areas (See attached map) in order to minimize interference with or disrupt the conduct of official business, or interfere with the free ingress and egress to the premises.

<u>EARLY VOTING</u>: Such signage may be put up no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before Early Voting begins and must be removed no later than 10:00 a.m. the day after Early Voting ends.

<u>ELECTION DAY:</u> Such signage may be put up no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before Election Day begins and must be removed no later than 10:00 a.m. the day after Election Day ends.

No political sign may be placed, held, erected or otherwise situated in any location that obstructs vision for traffic entering, exiting or driving in, on or around a city owned polling place location.

No political signs may be placed or erected utilizing posts that may damage subterranean water and electrical lines. For purposes of this policy, the term "posts" shall include, but not be limited to wooden stakes, rebar, PVC posts, metal posts and/or metal "T-Posts" typically used with farm and ranch type fencing. Heavy gauged wire that is generally used for political yard signs is allowed.

No political signs larger than 3 feet by 3 feet (3x3) or taller than forty-eight (48) inches from the ground may be placed, held, erected or otherwise situated on city owned property that is being used as a polling place.

No more than four (4) signs per candidate or Political Action Committee ("PAC") may be placed or erected upon city owned property that is being used as a polling place. Political signs that are personally held by individuals at city owned polling location(s) during a voting period will not count towards the maximum number of allowed political signs that may be placed or erected under of this provision; provided, however, such political signs may not exceed the height and size maximums set out herein and they must not obstruct the view of traffic (i.e. a candidate or PAC may erect four (4) political signs and also may have individuals personally hold additional political signs at a city owned polling location during a voting period).

An individual may use a portable chair or small table while holding, carrying, or displaying material, but an individual may not place articles in or on city owned property that give the impression of a permanent or semi-permanent occupancy or residency (for example, a tent, bed, cot, filing cabinet, sofa, desk, heater, refrigerator, stove, or portable bathroom facilities). Any excess articles shall be removed.

Any political sign in violation of these regulations may be removed by City staff and placed in temporary storage. The owner of political signs that have been removed may contact the city during normal business hours to arrange a time to pick them up. If the owner of the political sign(s) fails to pick up any removed signs within thirty (30) days following the voting period, the City may dispose of the sign(s).

Approved by City Council on November 7, 2024

ATTEST:

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