

SWEEP

Solid Waste Environmental Education Panel
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
289 N. Main St.
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Dear Candidates,

It is illegal to post signs in the right of way of state maintained roads. However, SWEEP (Solid Waste Environmental Education Panel for Rutherford County) has passed a resolution making an exception for candidates during the time around elections.

RESOLUTION:

SWEEP requests that all candidates, in an effort to keep the county's appearance a priority, not post election signs along the county roadways until 60 days before the election and that the signs be removed within one week after the election. Signs that are placed along the roadways more than 60 days before an election are illegal and are subject to removal.

You should request permission from home/property owners before placing a campaign sign on their property.

(Signs not authorized by the North Carolina Department Of Transportation are usually prohibited inside the right of way of state maintained public roads. This right of way is 30 feet from the centerline of the road. Signs are also not allowed on the utility poles.)

THE LAW:

North Carolina General Statute 136-32 states: General Statute 136-32 is part the DOT authorizing section of state law and specifically states: "Signs other than official signs are prohibited. No unauthorized person shall erect or maintain upon any highway any warning or direction sign, marker, signal or light or imitation of any official sign, marker, signal or light erected under the provisions of G.S. 136-30, except in cases of emergency. No person shall erect or maintain upon any highway any traffic or highway sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising." Violation of the statute is considered a Class I misdemeanor.

Thank you,

SWEEP

An advisory committee for the County Commissioners

