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Campaign Signs

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I've been driving around town and noticed that many signs are very close to the curbing and the street. I never recall seeing this so much in the past. I checked online to see if there are any laws regarding campaign signs and I found that most all of the Town Council and Board of Education campaign signs that are out are in violation. There had to be some thought process behind why certain items are included and excluded in a law. I'm sure for aesthetics and safety. Why aren't you following the laws that are in place and why aren't the laws being enforced? To me, it seems like lawn signs are getting worse and worse.

The law says that only 1 sign can be on a property. Sai has 4 signs on one property. Illis and Machado have 3 signs on a few properties that I saw.

The law says the signs must be 5' from the property line. All of the signs I've seen are close to the streets. This is unsafe and a danger to drivers.

I also noticed that there are signs hanging from poles/signs (these are not campaign signs) but that to is a violation.

I was shocked when I read the law and saw that these are all in violation. Some more than others and I'm sure there were violations in the past. I hope this all gets corrected.

Regards,
Concerned Resident

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Good Morning,

This email did not come from BHCW .

We were cc'd on this so Ill give my opinion on this.

1. None of the candidates with signs our are in violation of anything. The Town Ordinance is unlawful (<https://www.facebook.com/BHCommunityWatch/posts/pfbid0jjXs26ESYu6gcjgYW7wpGcD4rDNJDXmNXSfyvzdfU1teSEt1zpDEi9nDpkuYwFMql>) and if the town attempts to enforce it they will eventually get sued and lose.

2. Homeowners - not candidates - decide what goes on their property. For example- I have two or three lawn signs on my property - why? Because its my property. The town would not go after the candidate -they would go after the homeowner. **I also welcome every candidate on this email to put two signs on my property if they haven't done so already.**

3. The signs on the curb that I have seen are in New Providence - not BH.

If you sent this to BHCW for an article, you will need to include your name and address (we will only publish your name).

Thanks
John Migueis

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Subject: Re: Campaign Signs

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I wanted to share with you an email from a "concerned resident" regarding BOE and Town Council lawn signs (highlighted below).

First, I think we can all agree that the placement of signs this year is in no way different than all of the signs that were out last year or any election cycle. In fact, many of our signs were on the same properties. This resident must have had blinders on last year given the number of candidates across multiple offices. Second, as you can see from Mr. Miguez's response to the "concerned resident", this ordinance is likely unlawful. Finally, as a BOE candidate, I feel this email is directed at the BOE signs. The BOE is looking to approve a change to policy to allow the Commissioner of Education to fill a vacancy as a result of "failure to elect a member at the annual school election due to improper **campaign** practices." ("election" was changed to "campaign"). The next BOE meeting is October 12th where this policy change will be approved.

I hope you act quickly to review the ordinance and take action so that fair elections aren't impacted by exploiting a potentially unlawful ordinance.

Thank you,
Natasha

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