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Dear Candidate:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy campaign schedule to learn about the rules and regulations regarding the placement of elections signs within the city of Miami Beach. There are different regulations for public property, private property, and for your Miami Beach campaign headquarters. We urge you to review these rules with your campaign volunteers.

Public Property – The Miami Beach City Code (MBCC) strictly prohibits the placing of signs on public property. Section 138-134(e) states: "*It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, glue, print, paint or to affix … to the surface of any public street, sidewalk, way or curb or to any property of any governmental body or public utility any political sign, poster, placard or automobile bumper strip designed or intended to advocate or oppose the nomination or election of any candidate or the adoption or rejection of any political measure*. Code Compliance Officers will remove the sign from the illegal location (whenever possible, they will attempt to contact the adjacent property owner and request that the illegally place sign be moved to a permitted location). If that is not possible, signs placed in violation will be picked up and brought to the Code Compliance office. Illegally placed signs collected by Code Compliance Officers will be available for retrieval from that office.

Private Property – Signs on private property must meet the sign area limitations pursuant to Section 138-134 of the MBCC. The maximum sign area for election signs in the single-family zoning districts is four (4) square feet (e.g., 2 feet by 2 feet; 1 foot by 4 feet, etc.). The sign area for all other zoning districts shall not exceed one square foot per three linear feet of street frontage, with a maximum sign area of not more that 75 square feet. Owners of properties that have elections signs that exceed the maximum allowed area will first be issued warning notices. Failure to reduce the sign area to the allowable amount will result in a citation and the case being forwarded to the Special Master for a hearing. The Special Master may impose fines of up to $1,000.00 per day per violation or in the case of a repeat violation, up to $5,000.00 per day per violation.

Campaign Headquarters – The Miami Beach City Code provides that campaign headquarters in commercial or industrial districts shall not have a sign area limitation. Each candidate may have four campaign headquarters which shall be registered with the City Clerk. In residential districts there shall be no more than one sign per residential building or lot, and the sign shall not exceed four square feet.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Code Compliance Division at (305) 673-7555.

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