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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 30, 2026
To: Candidates For Public Office
From: Michael J. Weber, City Planner
Subject: Placement of Campaign Signs Within the City of Alexandria

The City has received several inquiries regarding the placement of campaign signs. With the filing periods soon to open, I wanted to provide you with the following, as excerpted from the City Code:

Campaign Signs. Political campaign signs are permitted **on private property** in any zoning district subject to the express consent of the owner or occupant of such property and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 211B.045 provided that:

- a. No such sign is located within one hundred (100) feet of any polling site
- b. No such sign is placed within the public right-of-way
- c. No such sign is posted earlier than 46 days before the primary (which would be June 26, 2026 for the August 11, 2026 primary), and
- d. The political campaign sign is removed within ten (10) days following the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Please note that these regulations are only relevant to signs placed within the City of Alexandria. (Other jurisdictions may have their own rules.) In general, if you have a sign located behind the City public sidewalk, it will not be in the right-of-way. If there is no sidewalk, placing the sign four full paces back from the face of the curb line of the City street should be sufficient. If you have any questions about whether one of your signs is safely out of the right-of-way, please contact me and I will be happy to view the sign and render an opinion. I should note that signs that are not in compliance with the above regulations are subject to removal, either by the private property owner/occupant, or by the City (if in the right-of-way or on other public property).

Please review the proposed locations for your campaign signs and ensure that they are fully compliant with the above regulations. You may want to attach a copy of this memo to each sign before you give the signs to your volunteers.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at mweber@alexandriamn.city. Thank you, and good luck.

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