

Electioneering at Bear Branch Elementary School

Bear Branch Elementary School located at 8909 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX 77354 is a designated polling place under Texas Election 61.003, and shall hereafter be referred to as "Polling Place". As such, both voters and electioneers are statutorily and constitutionally protected. Voters are protected by the prohibition of electioneering (1) within 100 feet of an outside door through which a voter may enter the Polling Place (See 61.003 [a]). Electioneers are protected because the Polling Place may not, at any time during the voting period (2), prohibit electioneering on the Polling Place's premises outside of the 100 foot prohibited area (See 61.003 [a-1]).

The Polling Place has identified the following potential public safety concerns with electioneering on its premises:

- a. Obstructing the view of vehicles entering and exiting the premises at 8909 FM 1488 Rd., Magnolia, TX 77354;
- b. B. Auto-pedestrian collision at the entrance to the Polling Place.

To address these concerns, the Polling Place implements the following reasonable restrictions per 61.003 (a-1):

- a. Electioneering will only be permitted on the Polling Place's premises beyond the 100 foot prohibition of any outside door to the Polling Place building;
- b. No electioneering will be permitted in the roadway of the Polling Place entry or exit;
- c. No electioneering outside of the voting period defined by Texas Election Code 61.003(b)(2);
- d. No political signage taller than 3 feet (including the stakes) will be permitted within the tree line or 8909 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX 77354 entry way (3);
- e. Electioneers are prohibited from parking at any parking space within 100 feet of any entry door to the Polling Place building;
- f. No vehicles or trailers shall be allowed on any grassed areas of the Polling Place's premises or in any place not marked or designated as a parking spot;
- g. And any other action in violation of the Texas Election Code or Texas Statutes is strictly prohibited.

In addition to potential criminal penalty, any electioneer who violates, neglects, or refuses to comply with the above-mentioned regulations may be removed by law enforcement personnel.

1 – As defined in Texas Election Code 61.003 (b)(1)

2 – As defined in Texas Election Code 61.003 (b)(2)

3 – Larger 4x4 or 4x8 signs will be permitted on the Polling Place premises past the entryway and outside 100 feet of any entry door.