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DAVISON TOWNSHIP POLICY

ADOPTED:

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POLITICAL SIGNS/CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

The Davison Township Board wishes to regulate campaign signs on township property in a manner that treats all candidates equally and complies with State of Michigan campaign regulations. The township recognizes the distinction between individuals handing out materials (protected free speech activity) and unattended campaign materials.

1. **Other than 40-day AV Ballot period, Election Day or Early Voting Days:**
2. a. No political/campaign activity* shall occur on township property.
3. **During 40-day AV ballot period:**
 - a. No political/campaign activity* may occur on township property.
4. **On election day or early voting days:**
 - a. No political/campaign activity* may occur within 100 of the entrance to any polling location.
 - b. Outside of 100 feet from the entrance of township property individuals may pass out campaign material but may not leave any materials unattended.
 - c. Outside of 100 feet from the entrance to any polling location on township property, each candidate may display a maximum of two signs, each not to exceed 6 square feet. Such signs may be along the north entrance drive of the property and may not be along Irish Road. Such signs may be placed no more than 14 hours prior to the opening of polls and must be removed within 24 hours after the close of polls. For the purposes of early voting days, the "opening of polls" shall mean the opening of the polls on the first day of early voting and the "close of polls" shall mean the close of the polls on the last day of early voting.
 - d. No vehicles with campaign/political signs may be parked on township property unless the owner/occupants are actively voting.

Individuals in violation of local ordinance and/or State of Michigan campaign laws may be charged with a misdemeanor or municipal civil infraction.

Campaign/political materials may be removed and destroyed without notice.

Vehicles in violation of this policy may be towed at the owner's expense.

*Political/campaign activity includes:

- Displaying "pro and con" information on the proposals appearing on the ballot.
- Approaching individuals to encourage them to vote for or against a candidate or ballot question.
- Distributing any type of campaign literature or write-in stickers.
- Displaying billboard, placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed matter, signs, posters or bumper stickers having reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question.
- Attempting to collect petition signatures.
- Requesting donations, selling tickets or engaging in similar activities.

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