



## **DAY OF ELECTION**

A table with wire baskets will be placed in the lobby. If you wish a copy of the results of the votes as they come in and are tabulated during the night, you must let me know by Monday before the election. As the results are released, copies will be made and placed in the baskets for those persons requesting copies. The results will also be posted on the wall in the lobby for viewing by everyone. The results will also be available on the Adams County website, [www.adamscounty.org](http://www.adamscounty.org).

The counting of the ballots is done on an Optical Scanner located in the basement of the County Annex. The only people allowed in the counting area are the staff that I have hired for that evening. No media or candidates or their agents are allowed in the counting area. Watchers may be appointed to observe the counting procedures.

If any of you have a deadline that you need to meet, please let me know by noon of election day so that we can work out something.

I will have the early results shortly after 8:00 PM on the night of election. The first results will be the early voted ballots and any early pickup that was done in the afternoon.

Results will be released throughout the evening depending on how the ballots arrive at the courthouse for counting.

The results released on election night **ARE NOT official**. Results are not official until after the Canvass Board convenes to count any provisional ballots and to certify the results. The Canvass Board convenes after the election.. The size of the election generally determines how long the Canvass Board remains in session but they generally adjourn by 5:00 PM the Friday following election.

## **POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

No political campaign signs, etc. shall be placed within a highway's right of way. This includes intersections, medians, entrance and exit ramps, sidewalks and the ditches and lands that make up the right of way bordering the length of each highway.

State law expressly prohibits the erection of signs on the highway right of way. The penalty is a Class V misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$100.00. Political campaign signs erected on the highway right of way will be removed without notice to the owners.

Any campaign signs erected prior to election should be removed in a timely fashion following the election by any and all candidates, win or lose.

## **HASTINGS CITY CODE IN REGARD TO POLITICAL SIGNS**

Temporary political signs may be placed upon the right of way owned by the City provided the following terms and conditions are satisfied:

1. Neither the width or the height of the sign may exceed three (3) feet.
2. Signs shall be placed not less than six (6) feet from the back of the curb, or edge of the pavement if no curb exists.

3. **Signs must be placed at least fifty (50) feet from a corner.**
4. **Permission must be obtained from the property owner abutting the City right of way prior to installing any sign.**
5. **Signs shall not be installed not more than three (3) weeks in advance of any primary, regular, or special election and shall be removed the day after election day.**
6. **The provisions of this section shall apply only to right of way owned by the City and shall not apply to City owned parking lots or other City owned real estate.**

**Political signs placed on City owned right of way that do not conform to the foregoing terms and conditions shall be removed by the Hastings Police Department.**

**It is unlawful for any candidate, his agent or the owner or occupant of property to permit any political signs within the City of Hastings, Nebraska, to remain displayed for more than forty eight (48) hours after the election, whether it is a primary or general election.**

### **POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS AND POLLING PLACES**

**All political campaign signs must be erected outside of an area 200 feet from the entrance of a polling place. All candidates and campaign workers must observe the 200 feet rule when handing out campaign literature and materials near the polls on election day.**