

# ORDER REGULATING TEMPORARY SIGNS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

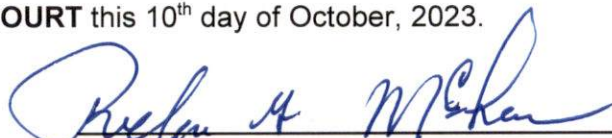
**WHEREAS**, the Panola County Commissioners Court has considered the danger to the county landscaping, irrigation systems, and infrastructure and the potential danger to the health and safety of the public and county employees by signs located upon county property. To avoid such dangers, the Commissioners Court has considered an Order to prohibit the posting or placing, in or on any property owned by Panola County, of signs, banners, posters, or other materials without the prior written consent of the Panola County Commissioners Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Panola County Commissioners proposes to apply to all signs posted on county property except as authorized by county officials for official county business; and


**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby **ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:**

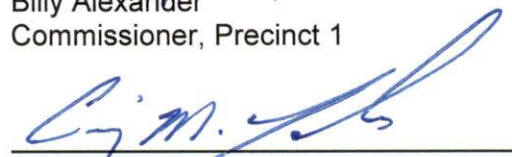
1. A person may not cause or authorize a temporary sign to be installed, used or maintained on or over county property including the installation of any temporary sign used for commercial or noncommercial purposes, except for signs installed by the county for official county business.
2. For purposes of this order "temporary sign" means a banner, poster, or advertising display constructed of paper, cloth, plastic sheet, cardboard, plywood, or other like material that appears to be intended to be displayed for a limited period of time.
3. This order is applicable to all county property including county property used as a polling place on election days:
  - a. All legal "electioneering" pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 61.003(a-1) and Section 85.036(b) is allowed on county property used as a polling place beyond the prohibited distance to the polling place, subject to this reasonable regulation of the time, place and manner. Signs promoting candidates or ballot positions may be displayed, waved, and distributed, but may not be installed on or over county property by stakes in the ground, nails, tape, or any method intended to temporarily display the sign.
4. Any sign installed, used or maintained on or over county property under this order will be considered abandoned and will be removed by county officials.
5. No employee vehicles parked at the Panola County Courthouse shall display any form of political signs or stickers.


**ADOPTED AND PASSED IN OPEN COURT** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

  
Rodger G. McLane, County Judge

  
Billy Alexander  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
David A. Cole  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Craig M. Lawless  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 4

**ATTEST:**

  
Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

