

Notice of Buffer Zone for All Richmond County Early Voting Sites and Election Day Precincts

The Buffer Zone Notice is in effect for all Richmond County Early Voting sites and Election Day precincts for 2026 electioneering. Buffer zones are set as designated by G.S. 163-166.4. Election officials will clearly mark buffer zones and post "No Campaigning Beyond This Point" signs. All early voting sites have a buffer zone that is 50 ft in all directions from the entrance. Curbside area will be set up adjacent to buffer zone and this is also a protected area, as it is considered a voting enclosure.

Campaigners are not to enter the buffer zone except for use of restroom facilities (where applicable, only in facilities where one does not travel through the voting enclosure to access the restroom), specific business with the Board of Elections office, business with another entity in a building jointly occupied, or for voting purposes. Please note public restroom facilities may not be available at all polling places.

While inside the buffer zone for one of the aforementioned reasons, campaigners should refrain from engaging in activities that violate or appear to violate campaigning guidelines. Campaigning issues or suspected violations are to be brought to the attention of the Chief Judge and the Board of Elections office.

Campaigners should never block traffic, parking, or entrances. Campaigning supplies should not be left unattended and may not be left at the site overnight.

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