



## ORDINANCE

### AMENDING THE ORDINANCE REGARDING SIGNS AND HANDBILLS AT POLLING PLACES

### *CITY OF NASHUA*

*In the Year Two Thousand and Twelve*

*The City of Nashua ordains* that Part I “Administrative Legislation”, Chapter 23 “Elections and Campaigns”, Article 1 “General Voting Procedures”, Section 23-2 “Signs and handbills” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting the struck-through language and adding the new underlined language as follows:

**“§ 23-2. Signs and handbills.**

- A. During the voting hours on all election days, no person who is a candidate for office or who is representing or working on behalf of a candidate, party, political organization, initiative, or ballot question for any election, shall be allowed to hold or carry any signs or handbills, ~~or~~ distribute any handbills, ~~or~~ post any political signs, or gather signatures in front of the entrance to the polling places in each ward and for a distance of 100 feet on each side of such entrance and/or exit.
- B. In accordance with Section 320-64, during the voting hours on election days, no person shall park a vehicle in front of the entrance to the polling place in each ward, for a distance of 100 feet on each side of the entrance, except for the purpose of voting.
- C. During the voting hours on election days, no person shall park a trailer or vehicle with campaign signs that are mounted, attached or painted on said trailer or motor vehicle in the public parking lots of the school properties where voting is held, except for the purpose of voting.
- BD. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$20.”

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective at the time of passage.

**LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2012**

**ORDINANCE:** O-12-012

**PURPOSE:** Amending the ordinance regarding signs and handbills at polling places

**ENDORSERS:** Alderman Daniel T. Moriarty

**COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENT:**

**FISCAL NOTE:** The cost for amending ordinances is de minimis. The only associated cost would be for providing copies of this ordinance to candidates filing for office and posting at polling places.

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**ANALYSIS**

This legislation amends the ordinance which prohibits distribution of campaign material, electioneering, and related activities at polling places on election days.

The City has the right to “regulate the distribution of campaign materials or electioneering or any activity which affects the safety, welfare and rights of voters at any election held for any purpose in such city.” RSA 47:17, XIV-a. Copies of this ordinance are provided to candidates filing for office and are posted at polling places at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of any election. See RSA 31:41-c.

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**Approved as to form:**

**Office of Corporation Counsel**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5/17/12

**ORDINANCE** 0-12-012

**Amending the ordinance**  
**regarding signs and handbills at**  
**polling places**

**Endorsed by**

**MORIARTY**  
**CRAFFEY**

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**IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

1<sup>ST</sup> READING MAY 22, 2012

Referred to

**PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS**  
**COMMITTEE**

2<sup>ND</sup> Reading AUGUST 14, 2012

3<sup>RD</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>TH</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

Passed AUGUST 14, 2012

Indefinitely Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: *[Handwritten signature]*  
City Clerk

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President

Approved *[Handwritten signature]*  
Mayor's Signature

August 17, 2012  
Date

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Veto Sustained: \_\_\_\_\_

Veto Overridden: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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President