

Electioneering Ordinance

WHEREAS the Town of Woodstock finds that democracy functions best when the town's citizens are free to vote without electioneering on town property at the polling place;

WHEREAS it has been the policy of the town to so prohibit electioneering on town property on Election Day;

WHEREAS the Town wishes to adopt this policy as a formal ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to RSA 31:41-c, the Town of Woodstock adopts the following ordinance regarding electioneering at the polling place:

1. There shall be no distribution of campaign materials or electioneering at Town Hall on any Election Day. Specifically, all candidates and all campaign employees and volunteers must remain at least 64 feet away from the south side of Town Hall and at least 134 feet away from the north side.
2. The town shall place posts at the above referenced locations to assist candidates and campaign workers in recognizing the limits beyond which they may not electioneer or distribute campaign materials.
3. The east side of Town Hall faces Route 3. Electioneering may occur across Route 3 on the opposite side of the street from Town Hall.
4. The west side of Town Hall abuts the woods. No electioneering shall occur on the east side of Town Hall.
5. A copy of this ordinance shall be posted at each polling place at least 72 hours in advance of any town election.
6. Failure to conform to this ordinance shall constitute a violation.

Adopted at Town Meeting March 13, 2007
Judy Welch, Town Clerk