

**CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1259**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE 14.06 "REGULATING ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING LOCATIONS ON CITY PROPERTY"; SECTION 14.06.003 "REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS" BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (d)(1) RELATING TO ELECTIONEERING SIGNS AT CITY POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Highland Village to amend the current regulations relating to the time for placement of electioneering signs on City-owned polling places during elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Highland Village, Texas, be, and the same is hereby amended by Article 14.06 "Electioneering at Polling Locations on City Property," Section 14.06.003 Regulations and Exceptions" by amending Subsection (d)(1) to read as follows:

(d) It is an offense for any person to place or affix a political sign on the premises of a City-owned polling place except as follows:

(1) Political signs may be placed or affixed in an electioneering sign location only during the period beginning one hour prior to the commencement of the voting period on the first day of the early voting period and ending on Noon on the day after the end of the voting period on election day.

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**SECTION 2.** All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Highland Village in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Highland Village not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

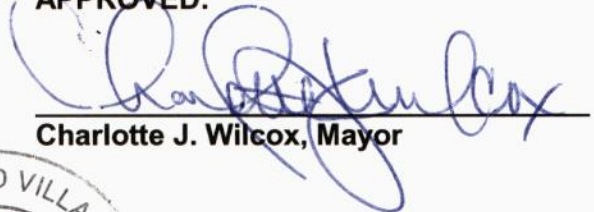
**SECTION 4.** That an offense committed before the effective date of this Ordinance is governed by prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinance, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

**SECTION 5.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall be subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Highland Village as heretofore amended and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed and constitute a separate offense.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, ON FIRST READING ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2018.**

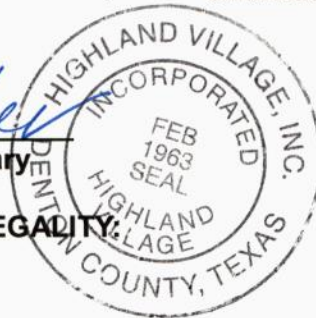
**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS, ON SECOND READING ON THIS THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2019.**

**APPROVED:**



**Charlotte J. Wilcox, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Angela Miller, TRMC, City Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

  
**Kevin B. Laughlin, City Attorney**  
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