## DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-R- 4

## <u>DeKalb County Code 32-4-2-4</u> <u>Ordinance Prohibiting Political Signs or Literature</u>

## On County Buildings and Real Estate

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of DeKalb County, Indiana ("County"), have the authority to permit, prohibit, and regulate the posting of political signs on County-owned public property; and

WHEREAS, County has previously determined that the Courthouse Lawn in Auburn, is nonpublic property (see 2012-R-10, DCC 32-4-2-3, affirming Resolution 97.1, DCC 32-4-2-2); and under direct control of County; and

WHEREAS, whether County buildings and the real estate surrounding those buildings are public or nonpublic, the County nevertheless controls the posting of political signs or literature on public property; and

WHEREAS, if the County were to permit political signs or literature on public property for one candidate for public office, then all candidates and parties must have the same right; and

WHEREAS, County has assessed the aesthetical, environmental, and economical criteria, together with the orderly conduct of business in DeKalb County building and the real estate on which said building sit; and

WHEREAS, County believes that the posting of political signs or literature on County-owned real estate and buildings negatively impacts the aesthetical, environmental, and economic criteria for County-owned property, and the proliferation of such political signs or literature would negatively impact the orderly conduct of County business, especially buildings and real estate where voting takes place and where the County Clerk and Election Board have offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the DeKalb County Commissioners hereby prohibit the posting of political signs or literature on all County-owned buildings and other County-owned real estate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners shall have the right to remove and discard any and all political signs or literature posted in violation of this Resolution.

Dated this and day of April, 2019.

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Donald D. Grogg - President

Jaqueling Rowan - Vice President

Attested by the DeKalb County Auditor

Susan Sleeper, Acting Auditor