

September 13, 2010

Dear Mr. Fairbrother and Mr. Windham:

As you know, the Williamson County Jester Annex, located within the city of Round Rock, will be an early voting and election day polling location. The Anderson Community Room in the main annex will be the actual voting site, but the county owns about 25 acres around the two buildings. The public safety building houses EMS and the Sheriff's Office and is adjacent to the Jester Annex. Additionally, the constable's office is located in the main annex. Emergency and law enforcement vehicles use the parking lot and often need to exit the area quickly.

Additionally, we have an underground sprinkler system here.

Plus, we have quite a bit of property along the street that is City of Round Rock's Right of Way.

We would like to clearly define where political signs will be permitted to ensure smooth operations at the annex as well as allow for reasonable electioneering at the polling location. First, it will only be permitted during the time that the property is being used as a polling location (October 18 – November 2 this year). Secondly, we need to limit it to areas that do not interfere with the emergency and law enforcement vehicles or the sprinkler system. Of course, there are also the requirements that all signs must be at least 100 feet from the entrance to the polling location, and not in the city's Right of Way.

I have attached a map of the property. The areas shaded in red are the areas in which I would propose to not allow campaign signage.

Please review this map and information. Please send me any concerns or questions by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2010. I plan to put this item on the agenda for commissioner's court approval on September 28th, 2010.

Sincerely,

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