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## 1.0 Purpose and Scope of the Electioneering on County Owned Property Policy

- 1.1 This policy is designed to establish a clear framework for the conduct of electioneering activities on real property owned by the County.
- 1.2 By delineating the acceptable time, place, and manner for electioneering, this policy seeks to uphold the principles of free speech, while simultaneously safeguarding the interests and well-being of all County residents and visitors.
- 1.3 This policy applies to all individuals, groups, and organizations wishing to engage in electioneering activities on real property owned by the County.
- 1.4 This policy does not apply to employees of the County operating in their official capacity. Restrictions and guidelines governing political activities of County employees are outlined separately in the Employee Handbook.

## 2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 Electioneering. Refers to the posting, use, or distribution of political signs, clothing, literature, or other items, physical or digital, or the activity of persuading people, spoken or written, to vote for or against a particular party, candidate, issue, or ballot measure.

## 3.0 Prohibited Conduct

- 3.1 The use of County resources to conduct political activity including equipment, communication systems, photocopiers, and other assets, except for incidental items (furniture, audio-visual equipment, restrooms, etc.) that may be used in the course of the short-term renting of County property as per Section 4.1, is strictly prohibited.
- 3.2 No County property may be used for the purposes of electioneering or political activities except through compliance with the requirements of Section 4.1.
- 3.3 As per Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 1-13-714, electioneering may not be conducted within 100 feet of an active polling location.
- 3.4 As per C.R.S. § 18-9-110, no person shall so conduct himself at or in any publicly owned building, operated or controlled by the State, any of the political subdivisions of the State, or

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at any building owned, operated, or controlled by the Federal government as to willfully deny to any public official, public employee, or invitee on such premises the lawful rights of such official, employee, or invitee to enter, to use the facilities of, or to leave any such public building.

## 4.0 Restrictions

4.1 The following County properties may be used for the purposes of electioneering or political activities so long as the individual or organization remains in compliance with P-5, Parks & Recreation Facility Rental Policy and/or P-14, Board of County Commissioners Meeting Hall Rental Policy, as determined by the location in question:

- 4.1.1 Community Center Multi-Purpose Room
- 4.1.2 Community Center Gymnasium
- 4.1.3 Community Center Fitness Studio
- 4.1.4 Fitness Studio
- 4.1.5 Fred Weber Ball Field
- 4.1.6 Elk Ball Field
- 4.1.7 Indoor Arena
- 4.1.8 Allen Memorial Outdoor Area
- 4.1.9 Fairground Parking Lots
- 4.1.10 Stock Pens
- 4.1.11 Board of County Commissioners Meeting Hall

4.2 The County, under the authority of the County Manager or a designee, may designate specific outdoor areas on County premises for electioneering and political activity to occur in situations where the individual or organization has not met the requirements set forth in Section 4.1 and is not otherwise in violation of any component of this policy or Federal, State, or Local law.

4.3 Activities conducted in designated outdoor areas must not obstruct access, compromise safety, or contravene any applicable laws. This includes Federal, State, and Local statutes and ordinances, particularly as they pertain to noise, public gatherings, and public safety.

## 5.0 Enforcement

5.1 The County reserves the right to monitor all electioneering and political activity on County premises to ensure compliance with all the terms contained herein.

5.2 Failure of any person, group, or organization to adhere to the prohibitions set forth in Section 3 and/or the restrictions set forth in Section 4 may result in immediate removal from any County premises under authority of the County Manager and/or penalties as provided by Federal, State, or Local law.



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- 5.3 Any person, group, or organization that is removed from County real property as per Section 5.2, may be barred, under the authority of the County Manager, from conducting electioneering on any and all County real property for a period of one (1) year.
- 5.4 Any person, group, or organization that is barred from electioneering on County real property as per Section 5.3, may submit an appeal request in writing to the Board of County Commissioners who then may elect, as per P-3, Board of County Commissioners Agenda Policy, to hear the appeal.

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