CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
POLITICAL SIGN AFFIDAVIT AND
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I, __________________________________________ being first duly sworn, hereby file with the City Clerk of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, this agreement for the erection, alteration, relocation or maintenance of political signs and advertising structures as defined in the City’s ordinance regulating signs in City owned rights of way (hereinafter “Sign Ordinance”) and hereby agree and affirm:

1. That I am, or will be at the time of erection, alteration or maintenance of each sign, the owner of each sign erected, altered or maintained;

2. That I will be solely responsible for compliance with the Sign Ordinance and all other ordinances or laws governing signs erected, altered or maintained pursuant to the Agreement and that all signs erected, altered or maintained pursuant to this agreement shall be erected, altered or maintained lawfully and in accordance with the ordinances of the City;

3. That any signs found erected, altered or maintained in violation of any ordinance or law may be removed by the City without notice and destroyed without liability on the part of the City or its employees or agents and that upon duly executing and filing this application and agreement, I agree that I will remove or have removed all signs within one (1) week after the election; and

4. That I agree to indemnify and hold and save the City harmless from any and all damages, loss or liability occurring by reasons of any injury of any person or property which may occur as the result of the erection of existence of any political sign supporting or purporting to support my candidacy or occasioned by any act or omission, neglect, or wrongdoing of me or my officers, agents, representatives, guests, employees, invitees, or persons erecting, removing, altering or maintaining political signs on my behalf and I will, at my own cost and expense, defend and protect the City against any and such claims or demands which may be claimed to have arisen as a result of or in connection with the existence or erection of the political sign.

____________________________________
(Signature)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ______ day of ____________, 20____, by ___________________________, Who is personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and who is personally known or who has produced _____________________________ as identification and who (did/did not) take an oath.
General Information

a. The City will be strictly enforcing these regulations on a regular basis and will confiscate any political signs which are either improperly located, or which have no permit. You, the candidate, are responsible for the placement and permitting of all political signs and should be sure all of your volunteers are familiar with these regulations.

b. Large signs which are confiscated by the City for violation of these regulations may be reclaimed at the Sanitation Complex, 2001 28th Street North. Small signs that are confiscated will be destroyed. An administrative charge to cover the cost of enforcement and storage of the signs will be billed to you and must be paid prior to having the signs returned to you. If you are reclaiming a sign, please call (727) 893-7334.

c. When you, or your campaign workers, have any doubts or questions of any nature regarding signs, please call Brittany.McMullen@stpete.org (727) 892-5807.

d. If you wish to file a complaint about a possible violation of these regulations, please call (727) 893-7373 and the violation will be investigated by the City.
16.40.120.3.2. - Exempt signs.

Political signs.

1. A political sign in a residential district shall not exceed six square feet and signs in nonresidential districts shall not exceed 32 square feet. The sign shall not be illuminated. The sign placement shall have the consent of the property owner. A political sign is prohibited in the right-of-way. Regardless of who installed the sign, the property owner and tenant, if any, shall be responsible for compliance of their property and the adjacent right-of-way with these regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict the ability of the property owner and tenant to remove signs from their private property and the adjacent right-of-way.

2. No more than one political sign per candidate or issue shall be placed on a lot unless it is a lot having more than one street frontage, in which case additional signs per candidate or issue may be placed so long as there is no more than one sign per street frontage.

3. Political signs on private property or in the right-of-way shall not exceed eight feet in height. A political sign shall be located a minimum of six feet from the curb or the edge of the pavement where no sidewalk exists or, where a sidewalk exists, anywhere on the side of the sidewalk away from the street. Where there is no pavement, the signs shall be a minimum of six feet from the edge of the portion of the road used for vehicular traffic and, where a sidewalk exists, anywhere on the side of the sidewalk away from the street. No part of any sign shall be located on or extend over any portion of a sidewalk.

4. Any person wishing to place a sign or signs within a public right-of-way shall execute and file with the City Clerk a hold harmless agreement stating that, in consideration of the privilege of placing a sign or signs within the public right-of-way, the person agrees to defend and hold the City and its officers, agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, liability, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising from the existence of or erection of the sign or signs. The agreement shall be filed prior to the erection of any such sign. Political signs found within the public right-of-way for which an executed hold harmless agreement has not been filed with the City Clerk shall be subject to removal and destruction without notice.

5. Political signs shall be removed not later than one week after the election. A political sign remaining on display more than one week after the election shall be deemed a free-speech sign, subject to the restrictions on the placement of such signs.

6. Exception for polling places on Election Day. On the day of an election, between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., political signs not exceeding six square feet may be placed in the right-of-way abutting any polling place between the curb or edge of pavement and sidewalk. Each candidate or issue may have two signs for each street side at each polling place.

No part of any sign shall be placed within four feet of any part of another sign and no part of the sign shall be located on or extend over any portion of the right-of-way that is within two feet of the closest part of the curb or if there is no curb, the pavement or portion of road designed or used for vehicular traffic. Such signs shall not be removed by the City unless the sign is in a visibility triangle and exceeds 36 inches in height, or violates any of the provisions of this subparagraph.
16.40.160.1. - Generally.

A. The purpose of this section is to regulate private property and rights-of-way in proximity to the intersections of streets, alleys and driveways such that clear visibility is provided for safe traffic through the intersection. This section shall not apply in the DC and CCT-2 zoning districts because of the intensity of use, size of rights-of-way, and traffic control devices currently existing. The areas described as follows and generally shown in the following diagram are regulated as set forth in this section:

1. At street intersections: beginning at the point where the curb or pavement edge meets at the corner, or in the case of rounded corners, the point at which they would meet without such rounding; thence 45 feet from that point along the curb or pavement edge; thence diagonally to a point along the curb or pavement edge of the intersecting street 45 feet from the point of beginning; and thence to the point of beginning.

2. At intersections of alleys and vehicular driveways with streets, and at intersections of alleys with alleys and with vehicular driveways associated with commercial, industrial and office uses: beginning at the point where the curb or pavement edge of the street, alley or driveway meet at the corner, or in the case of rounded corners the point at which they would meet without such rounding; thence ten feet along the curb or pavement edge of the street or the alley if it is intersecting with a driveway, thence diagonally to a point along the curb or pavement edge of the intersecting alley or driveway ten feet from the point of beginning; and thence to the point of beginning.

3. At intersections of alleys and vehicular driveways with sidewalks: beginning at the point where the edge of the sidewalk farthest from the street meets the alley or driveway; thence five feet along the sidewalk; thence diagonally to a point along the alley or driveway five feet from the point of beginning; and thence to the point of beginning.

4. Where driveways, alleys or streets are not paved, the measurements shall be taken from the edge of that portion of the right-of-way actually used for vehicular traffic or, if that is not determinable, the edge of the right-of-way.
Visibility at Intersections

(Code 1992, § 16.40.160.1)