



**Town of Boylston  
Board of Selectmen**

Policy Regarding Electioneering  
During Early and Absentee Voting for All Elections

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Chapter 54, Section 65, of the General Laws of Massachusetts prohibits “electioneering” (the display or distribution of material intended to influence the actions of voters) at or within 150 feet of the entrance of polling places at an election of federal, state, or local officers.

An increasing percentage of Boylston voters are taking advantage of their right and opportunity to vote in-person by absentee ballot or during the Early Voting Period established by the Legislature and come to the Boylston Municipal Offices at 221 Main Street in order to obtain absentee ballots or cast early ballots.

Such voters should be given the same right and opportunity to cast or obtain ballots free of electioneering activity as is enjoyed by voters who cast their vote on the day of the election.

Observance of the 150-foot rule established by Chapter 54, Section 65 at the Town Hall during in-person absentee voting or the Early Voting Period would not unduly restrict the ability of any person to display or distribute campaign messages to prospective voters approaching the Town Offices.

The Boylston Board of Selectmen has the care, custody, and control of the Town Offices at 221 Main Street and the surrounding sidewalks and may regulate activity thereon.

Now, therefore, the Boylston Board of Selectmen adopts the following regulation for the period designated for in-person absentee voting and the State’s Early Voting Period: No poster, card, handbill, placard, picture or circular intended to influence the action of the voter, other than those expressly authorized by General Law Chapter 54, Section 65 shall be posted, exhibited, circulated or distributed in the Town Clerk’s Office, in the building where the Town Clerk’s Office is located, on the walls thereof, on the premises on which the Town Offices at 221 Main Street stand, or within one hundred and fifty feet of the building entrance door to said Town Offices. Given under our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

Boylston Board of Selectmen:

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Matthew Mecum

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Seth Ridinger

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James Underwood