

NO COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AFTER FIRST READING

CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE POSTING OF POLITICAL  
SIGNAGE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City of South Lebanon, Ohio does not currently have a regulation, Ordinance, or other legislation that specifically addresses the posting of political signage on public property; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio ("City Council") has expressed a desire to provide specific legislation addressing the posting of political signage on public property; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes it is appropriate and reasonable for political signage to be posted on public property; and

WHEREAS, City Council is enacting this Ordinance for the purpose of promoting the freedom of speech of all individuals desiring to post political signage on public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

**Section 1.** Any candidate for any political office shall be permitted to post political signage on public property; however, any such political signage shall not be posted on public property earlier than the date provided by Ohio law. Further, any such candidate, acting individually or through another individual and/or entity, shall be solely liable for any damage caused to public property by any such posting of political signage in any civil or other action initiated by the City of South Lebanon pursuant to Federal, Ohio, and/or local law.

**Section 2.** Public employees shall be permitted to temporarily remove political signage posted on public property as may be necessary to conduct City-related activities, including, but not limited to, mowing, street sweeping, construction, and maintenance. If political signage is removed for any such reason, it must be placed in a location that is substantially the same as when it was removed.

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**Section 3.** The City of South Lebanon shall be not be responsible in any way for the activities of any candidate for any political office who chooses to enter public property and post political signage on public property, nor shall the City of South Lebanon be responsible for damage, destruction, permanent removal, or any other similar action related to the political signage.

**Section 4.** The recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

**Section 5.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of City Council concerning and relating to passing this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of City Council in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from the after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petrina Williams, Fiscal Officer/Clerk

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James D. Smith, Mayor

Rules Suspended: / /2023 (if applicable)

Effective Date – / /2023

Vote - \_\_\_\_ Yeas

\_\_\_\_ Nays

First Reading – 10 / 5 /2023

Second Reading – \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /2023

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Vote - \_\_\_\_ Yeas

\_\_\_\_ Nays

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Prepared by and approved as to form:

ANDREW P. MEIER  
CITY SOLICITOR  
SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_/\_\_/2023