



## **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

October 8, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Consider Designating Location(s) for the Posting, Use, or Distribution of Political Signs on Public Property Utilized as a Polling Site.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kim Sutter, City Secretary

**REFERENCE NO:**

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider approval of designated locations for the Posting, Use, or Distribution of Political Signs on Public Property Utilized as a Polling Site.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

- Approve the request with modifications
- Table the request
- Deny the request

### **SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:**

H.B. 259 (83<sup>rd</sup> (R)) prohibits a city that owns a building used as a polling location from restricting electioneering while voting is taking place. As a result, the City Council has been asked to consider an ordinance establishing reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering on public property utilized as a polling site. The proposed ordinance includes a provision that requires the City Council to designate locations on the City's property for the posting, use, or distribution of political signs during the voting period and the early voting period while the location is being utilized as a polling site.

The Euless Public Library is currently the only City-owned facility utilized as a polling site. The proposed map outlines an area around the library where electioneering would be permitted while voting is taking place and the library is serving as a polling site.

With the approval of Ordinance 2012 and the approval of the location(s), the regulations will be in effect for the November 2013 election, including the early voting period which begins October 21, 2013.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):

Estimated Expenditure:

Over/Under Projection By:

Other Comments:

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- Draft Map designating approved locations

**APPROVED BY:**

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office