



2022-2023 Political Campaigning Guidelines

Campaigning on behalf of candidates for local, county, state, and national offices is permitted in the residence communities under the following guidelines:

1. Complete the “application for political campaigning” form at least two (2) business days (48 hours) prior to the requested campaign time. A separate application is needed for each campaigning date requested. Completed applications shall be available to the public upon request. Complaints about a campaign worker will be brought to the attention of the responsible party on the application.
2. Candidates may campaign in public areas, on residence community floors or in the University Dining Center and may be joined by up to five campaign workers. **In the absence of their candidate, campaign workers may ONLY campaign in the public areas (residence hall lobby, outside University Dining Center entrance).**
3. Door-to-door political campaigning by the candidate with their campaign worker(s) may occur between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. daily. Public area campaigning is permitted between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily. (The transmission of COVID-19 in our campus community may result in restrictions to student housing as determined by campus leadership.)
4. Residents who do not wish to be approached by campaigners may display a “No Campaigning” sign on their room door. Candidates and campaign workers must honor these signs as well as all requests to leave a student room. Candidates may leave campaign material (paper only) under resident doors that do not have a “no campaigning” sign except at Stadium Heights where facility design does not make this possible. No campaign material may be attached to doors. No campaign materials may be attached to bulletin boards adjacent to student room doors in either the Preska or Julia Sears Residence Communities.
5. Campaign workers and candidates must always display identification .
6. If required by current campus policy, campaign workers and candidates must wear a mask while campaigning in the University Dining Center and any residence community.
7. No more than five campaign workers will be allowed in each campaign requested area at any one time.
8. No device that amplifies sound may be used.
9. Political advertising can be inserted into university owned and operated mailboxes when items are addressed in accordance with USPS guidelines.
10. Residential Life stamped authorization is required to post campaign literature on designated bulletin boards. Submit campaign material to Residential Life, 111 Carkoski Commons, Mankato, MN 56001.
11. Return all temporary access cards to the Residential Life Office within one (1) business day of the approved campaign event. Each card not returned by this time will result in a \$25 administrative charge. Payment must be received before an additional application will be approved.