

Campaigning at the Polling Place

§ 163-166.4. Limitation on activity in the voting place and in a buffer zone around it.

- (a) Buffer Zone. – No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity in the voting place or in a buffer zone which shall be prescribed by the county board of elections around the voting place. In determining the dimensions of that buffer zone for each voting place, the county board of elections shall, where practical, set the limit at 50 feet from the door of entrance to the voting place, measured when that door is closed, but in no event shall it set the limit at more than 50 feet or at less than 25 feet.

Please encourage your electioneering group not to use the parking spaces closest to the polling place so that they may be used by the voters.

Other Things You Should Know

Absentee Ballots:

- GS 163-237 makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a candidate to witness the absentee ballot of a nonrelative.
- GS 226-3 makes it a felony for any person to return a voter's ballot to the Board of Elections office unless that person is the voter's near relative.

Voter Registration:

- If a voter is currently registered to vote in Brunswick County and needs to make a change to their registration (name, address, date of birth, etc.), the change can be made on their voter registration card in lieu of a voter registration form. If the voter does not have their voter registration card, they may call our office and we will mail one to them.
- Voter registration forms must be postmarked by February 19th for the 2016 Primary Election.