

1 08 NCAC 10C .0104 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **08 NCAC 10C .0104 CONDUCT AT VOTING SITES**

4 (a) The chief judge and judges shall ensure peace and good order at the voting site in accordance with 08 NCAC 10B  
5 .0101 and G.S. 163-48 by requiring persons at the voting site to comply with this Rule. This Rule applies to persons  
6 who are located on a portion of the voting site property that is subject to the control of the county board of elections  
7 and to persons who make or cause noise that is audible within the voting enclosure, regardless of their location.

8 (b) Persons at a voting site shall only engage in election-related activities while in the designated electioneering zone.

9 (c) Noise and sound that is disruptive to the voting site shall be addressed by the chief judge or a judge as follows:

10 (1) No person outside of the voting place at a voting site during the hours of voting shall make or cause  
11 any noise at a volume that is audible to the chief judge or a judge when that official is in the voting  
12 enclosure. If the chief judge or a judge determines that a person has made or is making a noise in  
13 violation of this Rule, they shall inform the person that the noise is disrupting the orderly conduct  
14 of voting and the ability for persons to communicate when they are within the voting enclosure. The  
15 chief judge or judge shall require the person to decrease the volume such that it is no longer audible  
16 in the voting enclosure.

17 (2) No person outside of the voting place at a voting site shall use a sound amplification device during  
18 the hours of voting. If the chief judge or a judge determines that a person at the voting site is using  
19 a sound amplification device in violation of this Rule, they shall inform the person that the use of  
20 the device is disrupting the orderly conduct of voting and the ability for persons to communicate  
21 when they are within the voting enclosure and electioneering zones. The chief judge or judge shall  
22 require the person to cease operation of the device and remove the device from the voting site. For  
23 the purposes of this Rule, “sound amplification device” means a mechanical or electronic device  
24 that increases a sound’s volume, including portable speakers, bullhorns, megaphones, public address  
25 systems, vehicle-mounted speakers or audio systems, and any vehicle’s internal audio system that  
26 is audible beyond the interior of the vehicle. A sound amplification device does not include a device  
27 that is used for accessibility or emergency purposes, or that is used by or at the request of the chief  
28 judge or a judge when facilitating the orderly conduct of voting at the voting site.

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30 History Note: Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-48; 163-129; 163-166.4; 163-166.5; 163-166.6; 163-166.7;

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