

08 NCAC 10C .0103 is adopted with changes as published in 40:22 NCR 1792 as follows:

08 NCAC 10C .0103 VOTING SITE ELECTIONEERING ZONE

(a) Before each election, the county board of elections shall ~~adopt a resolution establishing~~ designate an electioneering zone at each voting site in the county in accordance with G.S. 163-166.4(b) that shares a physical border with the voting place buffer zone. When ~~adopting a resolution establishing~~ designating an electioneering zone, the county board shall take into account the physical layout and dimensions of the voting site, parking and vehicle access areas at the voting site, walkways voters will use to access the voting place at the voting site, and the voting and buffer zones established under Rule ~~.0103~~ .0102 of this Subchapter. The county board shall ~~establish~~ designate additional electioneering zones at a voting site that do not share a border with the voting place buffer zone if the county board determines that the physical layout of the voting site will result in an insufficient amount of space for electioneers to engage in the election-related activity permitted under G.S. 163-166.4(b) as a result of there being only a single electioneering zone. Notice of the ~~resolution~~ designation shall be given to the public in accordance with G.S. 163-166.4.

(b) Prior to the start of voting at the voting site, the chief judge or a judge designated by the chief judge shall mark the boundary of the electioneering zone consistent with the county board of election's ~~resolution-adopted~~ designation made under this Rule. The zone shall be marked or caused to be marked with signage, cones, rope, tape, or some other visible marker that the chief judge determines is appropriate for ensuring peace and good order at the voting place in accordance with 08 NCAC 10B .0101(b)(18) and (19) when taking into account the physical layout, dimensions, and parking areas of the voting site.

(c) This Rule does not apply to a voting site that has been granted approval to not permit election-related activities at the voting site under G.S. 163-166.4(c).

(d) This rule shall not prevent the chief judge of the voting site from changing a boundary or location of a zone designated under this Rule when that change is required because of circumstances at the voting site that make it impractical to maintain the zone's designated boundary or location. Circumstances that may require a change in a zone's boundary or location under this Paragraph include, but are not limited to, changes in the physical layout or topography of the voting site, construction activities at the voting site, adverse weather, disruptions in access to the voting place and voting site, the number of persons in the designated electioneering zone, and the safety of persons at the voting site. Notice of the change in a zone's boundary or location at a voting site shall be given to the public in the same manner as the original designation within one business day of the change.

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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