

# City of Mesquite, Texas

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City Code by making certain additions and deletions to Sections 2-51 and 2-53 by providing a new definition for "Voting Period" and updating the sign regulations at polling places during Early Voting or on Election Day.  
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**Attachments:** 1. Ordinance - Voting Signs, 2. Polling place rules and regulations

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2/3/2020	1	City Council	Approved	Pass

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Pursuant to the authority provided by Section 61.003 of the Texas Election Code, Staff is recommending updating Chapter 2 of the City Code regarding electioneering at polling locations. The recommended changes are based on observations from the most recent City election.

Below are the proposed amendments:

- Amend Section 2-51 by updating the definition of "Voting Period" - This will eliminate the requirement for candidates to remove political signs between early voting and election day voting periods.
- Amend Section 2-53(h) by specifying that no sign stake shall exceed a nine-gauge diameter as defined by the American Wire Gauge Standard.

The intent of these amendments is to share regulations with other political subdivisions such as the Mesquite Independent School District for adoption for their facilities.

### Recommended/Desired Action

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

### Attachment(s)

Ordinance  
Polling Place Rules and Regulations

### Drafter

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