

Information on political advertising and finance for candidates, supporters and residents.

Political advertisements in any form require a disclaimer informing voters who paid for the advertisement (NDCC 16.1-10-04.1)

Placement of political signs in boulevards or the public right-of-way is prohibited in some areas. Following is the local ordinance:

“It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any sign, building or structure which encroaches upon any public street or property without first securing the permission of the governing body.”

Signage on Election Day: Signage must not violate electioneering laws (campaigning on election day – no activity within 100 feet of an open polling location) or local ordinance. Signage does not need to be removed prior to election day if it does not violate electioneering laws.

ALL CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO FILE CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATEMENTS

The schedule for filing campaign finance reports for municipal elections (city commission, park board, municipal judge) are as follow:

Pre-Primary Statement – January 1 – April 30 must be filed no later than May 8, 2026

Year-End – January 1 – December 31 must be filed no later than January 31, 2027

48-Hour (if applicable) must be filed if a contribution exceeds \$500 beginning 39 days prior to the election through the day before election day – Primary, General or Special Election.

What must be included on Campaign Finance Reports:

Itemized contributions over \$200 Contributions under \$200 can be reported in a lump sum

Contributions greater than \$5,000 must include employer information for the individual contributing

Report expenditures in lump-sums only at year-end in the following categories: advertising, campaign loan repayment, travel, operations, miscellaneous.

Candidates cannot accept money from businesses, organizations, independent expenditure committees.

Pass-the-Hat donations are not allowed.