## ORDER REGULATING TEMPORARY SIGNS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Gillespie County Commissioners Court approved and passed an Order Prohibiting Political Advertising on County-Owned Property dated February 12, 2018, that prohibited the posting or placing, in or on any property owned by Gillespie County, of signs, banners, posters, or other materials that are intended for the purpose of promoting or opposing any candidate, issue, or political party in any election without the prior written consent of the Gillespie County Commissioners Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Gillespie County Commissioners proposes to rescind said Order and adopt an Order to apply to all temporary signs posted on county property except as authorized by county officials for official county business; and,

WHEREAS, the installing of signs on county property creates an unnecessary risk of damage to county property and injury to pedestrians and other members of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GILLESPIE COUNTY THAT:

- 1. A person may not cause or authorize a temporary sign to be installed, affixed or maintained on or over county property including the installation of any temporary sign used for commercial or noncommercial purposes, except for temporary signs installed by the county for official county business.
- 2. For purposes of this Order, "temporary sign" means a banner, poster, or advertising display constructed of paper, cloth, plastic sheet, cardboard, plywood, or other like material that appears to be intended to be displayed for a limited period of time.
- 3. This Order is applicable to all county property including county property used as a polling place on election days, except as follows:
  - a. All legal "electioneering" pursuant to Texas Election Code § 61.003 is allowed on county property used as a polling place beyond the prohibited distance to the polling place, including signs promoting candidates or ballot positions that may be displayed, waved, and distributed, but said signs may not be installed on or over county property by stakes in the ground, nails, tape, or any other method intended to temporarily affix the sign to county property.
- 4. Any sign improperly installed, affixed or maintained on or over county property under this Order will be considered abandoned and will be removed by county officials.
- 5. The above-referenced Order Prohibiting Political Advertising on County-Owned Property dated February 2, 2018 is hereby rescinded.

Passed and approved this 9th day of <u>September</u>, 2019.

Mark Stroeher

Gillespie County Judge

Attest:

Mary Lynn Rasche County Clerk