

Town of Underhill

Policy on Politicking, Campaigning and Signs at the Polling Place

Vermont law prohibits politicking within the building containing the polling place.
17 VSA §2508

- No campaign materials, including literature, stickers, buttons, name strips, information on write-in candidates, or other political materials can be displayed, placed handed out or allowed to remain within the polling place.
- Within the polling place, no candidate, election official, or other person can distribute election material, or solicit voters regarding an item or candidate on the ballot, or otherwise campaigns.
- All conversations about candidates should be kept outside of the polling place.
- Individual voters may bring in brochures and written campaign materials for their own use, but these may not be shown to others or left in the voting or polling place.
- On the walkways or driveways, leading to a building in which a polling place is located, no candidate or other person can physically impede a voter's progress into or out of the polling place.*
- This law also applies to early voting at the Town Clerk's Office
- This law allows the Presiding Officer to control placements of signs on election day. Signs on election day will be manned at all time, no exceptions. Signs in the ground the night before the election and still there prior to the polls opening will be removed and discarded.

*Vermont law does not provide a specific distance or number of feet that campaigners must be from the polling place. Vermont law does permit the Presiding Office to designate an area outside of the polling place where candidates, supporters and pollster can stand, offer information, conduct polls, and hold signs. The designated area is behind the barriers leading to the entrance of Brown's River Middle School and the Underhill Town Hall, other areas can be designated as needed. **Vermont law prohibits the blocking or harassing of voters making their way to the polls.**