

Northstar Quick Notes

Addressing Campaign Apparel and Materials at Minnesota Polling Places

Minnesota law prohibits displaying campaign materials or attempting to persuade voters inside and within 100 feet of a polling place.



Definition of Campaign Materials:

Anything during voting hours that is worn, exhibited, or distributed related to the name, likeness, logo, or slogan of a candidate, ballot question, or political party that appears on the ballot for that election.

Steps to Take:

• Inform the Voter: Politely explain that Individuals are not allowed to display any campaign material or messages in or near polling places. This

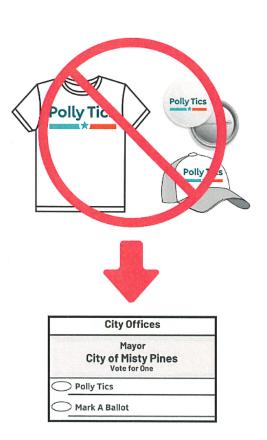
includes items such as pamphlets, advertisements, flyers, signs, banners, stickers, buttons, badges, pencils, pens, shirts, hats, or any similar item.

- Request Compliance: Ask the individual to cover or remove the item and/or stop attempting to influence others.
- Explain Why: Minnesotans have the right to vote without anyone trying to influence or intimidate them. This protection applies both inside and near the polling place, ensuring that everyone can make their choice freely.
- Refusal to Comply: If the person refuses, document the incident, including the individual's name, address, and a description of the item or behavior.
- Allow Voting: Eligible voters must be allowed to vote even
 if they refuse to comply.
- Record-Keeping: Note the refusal and circumstances for reporting to county elections officials.

Special Considerations:

Election Judges and Official Challengers are also prohibited from displaying campaign materials or persuading voters. If they do not comply, they must be asked to leave the polling place.

Following these guidelines ensures a neutral and fair voting environment, maintaining the integrity of the electoral process. For more information, please consult *Minn. Stat.* 211B.11.



If it's on the ballot it's not on you