



Town of Holly Springs

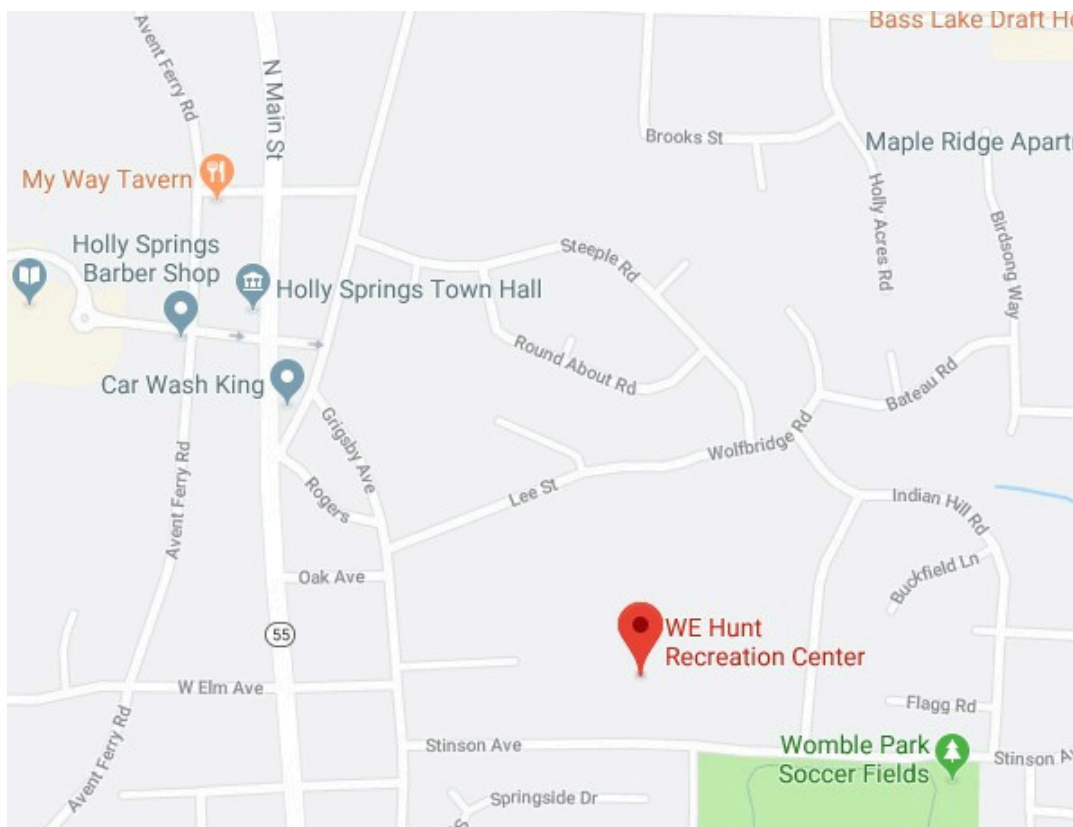
**Enclosure Size
1,254 sqft**

**Parking Spaces
87**

**Curbside Spaces
6-8**

W.E. Hunt Recreation Center

301 Stinson Ave., Holly Springs, NC 27540



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Legend

Voter Parking


Curbside Parking

Voting Enclosure

➔ Voter Entrance

Voter Entrance: Voters enter through the right most door at the front of the building.

Buffer Zone: Extends 50 feet from the door at the Voter Entrance.

 Holly Springs, N.C.	P-048	
	Political Activity on Town Property	
Policy & Procedure Statements of the Holly Springs Town Council	Prepared By:	Randy Harrington & John Schifano
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SECTION 1: Purpose

- A. To provide clarity on what types of political activity is permissible and not permissible on Town property within 1st Amendment free speech protections.

SECTION 2: Definitions

- A. “Political Activity” means actions or speech by a person or group to support a particular political candidate, party affiliation, or political position.
- B. “Political Activity Speech” means speech that clearly serves to support one political candidate, party affiliation, or political position over another.
- C. “Town Property” means any property owned, occupied, or maintained by the Town.
- D. “Voter engagement” means political activity or speech via handing out materials and/or interpersonal communication.
- E. “Political Signage” means any sign that advocates for political action or promotion of a candidate, political party, or political position

SECTION 3: Scope and Permissible/Non-permissible Political Activities

- A. Political Signage in Town Streets Right-of-Way (ROW)**
 - i. Streets within the Town’s corporate limits include both Town-owned and State-owned streets (street delineation map available from the Town).
 - ii. See Town Ordinance Sec. 6-261(11) for Town regulations.
 - iii. See N.C.G.S 136-32 for State regulations.
- B. Political Signage on Town Property**
 - i. Not permitted using N.C.G.S. 136-32
- C. Early Voting/Election Day Town Facility Site Political Activity**
 - i. North Carolina/Wake County Board of Elections (BOE) laws, policies, and guidelines shall apply to any political activity within any BOE designated regulation or buffer areas. Voter engagement is allowed on Town property outside of the BOE marked buffer zone.
 - ii. Political activity tents or other temporary, shelter structures shall be erected in designated ROW area(s) only and location will be determined by the Town considering BOE regulations, motorist and pedestrian safety, and sightlines for traffic entering/existing facility.
 - a. Temporary tents and shelter structures can be erected after 6:00 a.m. and must be removed daily within 2 hours after polls close.
 - b. It is the responsibility of political groups to properly secure any temporary/portable tent structures to prevent damage to Town property and reduce safety hazards.

- iii. Political signage shall not be affixed, staked, or hung on town property (excluding in designated ROW areas).
- iv. No overnight parking allowed per Town Code Section 12-514.
- v. Prior to the start of any voting period, the Town shall make available a map to political activity persons or groups designating temporary/portable tent locations and ROW areas where signage can be placed.
- vi. For motorist and pedestrian safety, standing, political activity, and voter engagement in the pavement area of drive aisles and parking areas is not permitted, unless expressly allowed in writing by the Town.

D. Rental of Facilities

- i. The rental of Town facilities and outdoor space for political fund-raising events (such as pay for attendance or financial solicitation through the event) is not permitted. Rental for other political group meetings or gatherings is permitted (e.g. annual organizational meetings).
- ii. Facility rental fees apply.

E. Farmers Market

- i. Eligible Farmers Market vendors include those selling locally grown food and other related farmer’s market products. Booth purchases for political activity are not allowed.

F. Booth Purchases at Town-organized Festivals

- i. Political booth purchases are allowed only in designated areas of the festival that are operated by a private or non-profit organization that is a designated partner with the Town for the festival.

G. Virtual, Official Town Business Meeting Environments

- i. Elected Town governing body members, Town staff, and invited presenters shall refrain from visually displaying political activity speech within the camera view during Town meetings that distracts or disrupts the proceedings.

H. Parades

- i. Political activity is permissible in town-sponsored parades.

I. Advertising at Town Facilities or on Recreation Field Billboards

- i. The purchase of political activity billboard advertising signage at Town facilities or on recreation fields is not permitted.

End of Policy Statement No. P-048

Approved by the Holly Springs Town Council, this, the 4th day of May, 2021.

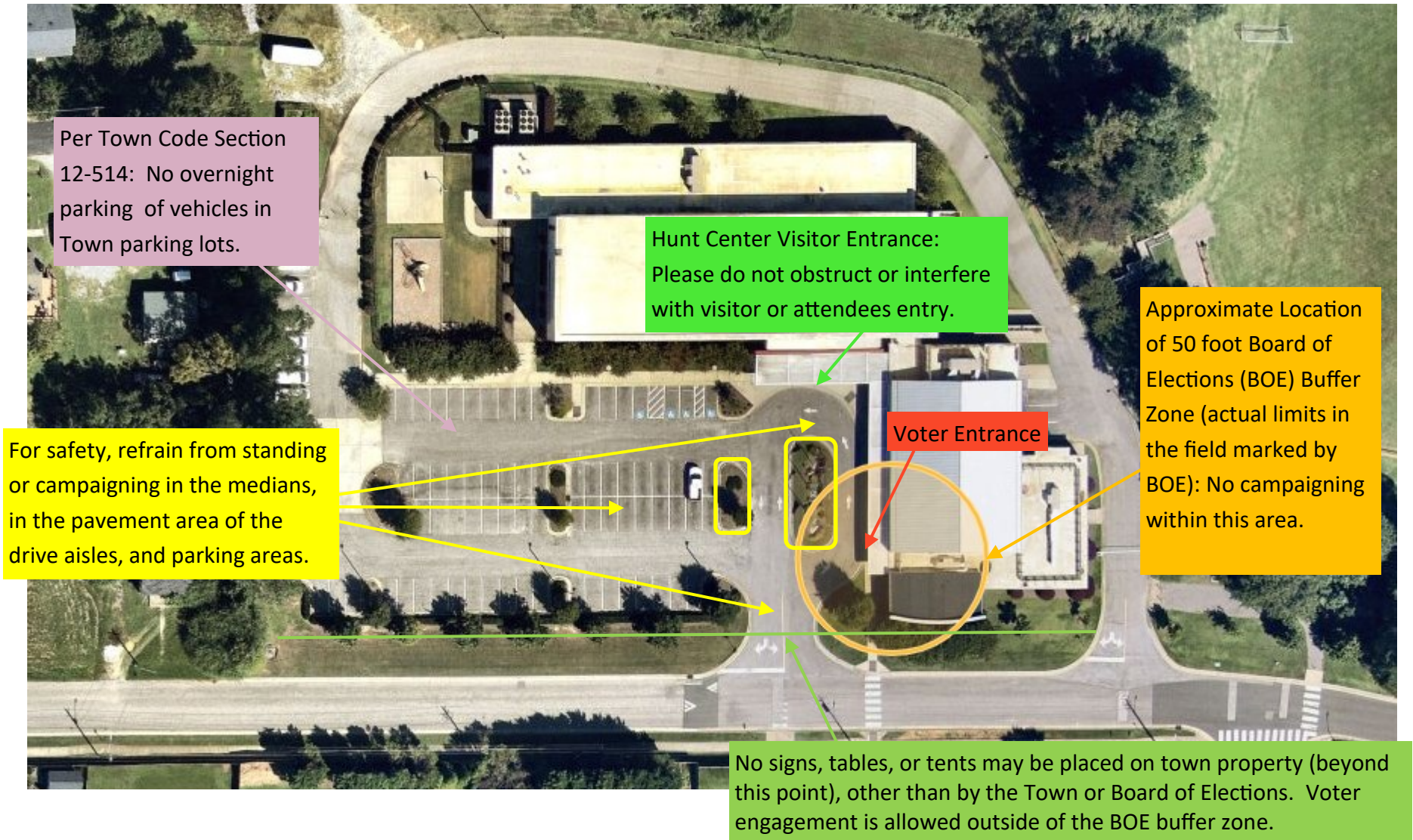
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 Linda McKinney, CMC, Town Clerk



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Voting Site Guidance for W. E. Hunt Center



- For general questions about voting, please contact Wake County Board of Elections (919-404-4040)
- For questions related to the W. E. Hunt Center facility/grounds, please contact Assistant Director, Kristen Denton (919-557-6293)