

Town of Brunswick, Maine

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

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July 2025

Dear Candidate,

I have enclosed the following to assist you with your campaign:

- 2025-26 Municipal Candidate Guidebook, Registration Form, Filing Schedules and Reports
- Excerpt from state law pertaining to political activity at polling locations
- Memo from the Brunswick Codes Officer regarding Political Campaign Signs
- Request for obtaining Voter Data from the Maine Central Voter System (CVR)

State law requires the appointment of a Treasurer for your campaign. You may appoint yourself or someone else, and you must place information on your advertising identifying the source of funding. A Candidate Registration form must be filed with the Town Clerk's Department before accepting contributions or making expenditures or within ten dates of filing nomination papers, whichever comes first. **If you plan to make no expenditures and accept no contributions, you may file the exemption affidavit (see Candidate Registration page two, item six).** Remember, personal funds of a candidate used for campaign purposes are considered contributions/expenditures and must be duly reported as such under Maine State law.

The Treasurer is responsible for filing your campaign finance reports. The reports are due to the Town Clerk's Office as follows:

- **The first report is due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025**, and must include all contributions and expenditures made in support of your candidacy through October 21, 2025.
- Between October 22, 2025, and November 3, 2025, a report must be filed within 24 hours if there is a single expenditure of \$1,000 or more, a contribution of \$1,000 or more, or receives a loan from the candidate (yourself) or candidate's spouse/domestic partner of \$1,000 or more
- **A post-election report is due no later than Tuesday, December 16, 2025**, and covers the period from May 28, 2025, through July 15, 2025. If there remains a campaign deficit or a surplus over \$100 at that time, you must file semiannual reports thereafter.

On Election Day, November 4, 2025, polls in Brunswick are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Absentee voting will be conducted at Town Hall daily beginning no later than October 6, 2025. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Closed Friday. Additional weekday or weekend hours, if any, and deadlines for absentee voting will be posted on our website. Other methods of obtaining absentee ballots are available either by electronic request through maine.gov, by phone (207) 725-6658, or by written application available at brunswickme.gov.

Absentee ballots will be cast centrally, and the locations and times of processing will be announced in the Warrant/Notice of Election. You may find the results of your race at brunswickme.gov on Election night. If you have questions pertaining to the election process in Brunswick, please feel free to call at any time.

Sincerely,

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CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

Notice: Changes to registration information must be filed within 10 days in writing or by e-mail to the Clerk's office

Is this an amendment? Yes No

1. CANDIDATE INFORMATION			
Title (optional): <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mx. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable		Party Affiliation:	Office Sought & District #:
Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	
<u>Mailing Address:</u>			
City:		ZIP:	Phone:
Email:			

2. TREASURER INFORMATION			
Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	Phone:
<u>Mailing Address:</u>			
City:	ZIP:	Email:	

DESIGNATION OF TREASURER: A candidate for municipal office in towns and cities with a population of greater than 15,000 must appoint a treasurer no later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, and before accepting contributions, making expenditures or incurring obligations. No later than 10 days after appointing a treasurer, the candidate must register with the Clerk's office the name and address of the candidate and treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining campaign records and for filing reports.
(21-A MRS § 1013-A)

2A. DEPUTY TREASURER INFORMATION (optional)			
Name: First	MI or Middle Name	Last	Phone:
<u>Mailing Address:</u>			
City:	ZIP:	Email:	

DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY TREASURER (optional): The candidate may appoint a deputy treasurer, who must be reported to the Clerk's office no later than 10 days after the appointment. The deputy, when acting in the absence of the treasurer, has the same powers and responsibilities as the treasurer. (21-A MRS § 1013-A (1)(A)(1)).

3.

AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION (optional)

Name:	Phone:	Email:
Name:	Phone:	Email:

DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED AGENT (optional): Please use this section to designate individuals, other than the treasurer and deputy treasurer, authorized to file reports on your behalf.

4.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE INFORMATION (optional)

Name:	Phone:
Address of Campaign Headquarters:	City: ZIP:

DESIGNATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE (optional): A candidate may authorize one political committee to promote the candidate's election. The committee treasurer is the treasurer appointed in Section 2 of the registration. No later than 10 days after appointing a political committee, the candidate must register the name of the committee and the committee officers, if appointed. (21-A MRS § 1013-A (1) (B))

Committee Officers (use additional pages, if necessary):

Name:	Title:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	City: ZIP:	Email:
Name:	Title:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	City: ZIP:	Email:

5.

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, certify that the information in this registration is true, accurate and complete.
(Print Candidate's Full Name)

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

6. REPORTING EXEMPTION REQUEST

Only county and municipal candidates, and legislative candidates in an uncontested primary election, may request an exemption.

A candidate may request an exemption from the obligation to appoint a treasurer and file campaign finance reports if the candidate does not accept any cash or in-kind contributions or make any expenditures for their campaign. You cannot request a reporting exemption if you use your or your spouse's/domestic partner's personal funds to pay for your campaign expenses. To request an exemption, complete the statement below and sections 1 & 5, have the form notarized, and submit it to the Clerk's office.

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A REPORTING EXEMPTION: I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that I will not accept contributions, make expenditures or incur obligations associated with my candidacy.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Notary/Attorney-at-law _____ My commission expires _____
(Seal is optional) (Date)

REVOCATION NOTICE: The foregoing statement may be revoked. Prior to revocation, the candidate must appoint a treasurer. A revocation notice must be in the form of an amended registration which must be filed with the Clerk's office no later than 10 days after the date the treasurer is appointed. The notice must be filed before contributions are accepted or expenditures made. A late revocation notice is subject to the same penalties applicable to late campaign finance reports.

Sworn Falsification is a Class D crime. (17-A MRS § 453)



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2025 FILING SCHEDULE - FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

Report Name	Filing Period	Filing Deadline
January Semiannual	07/01/2024 – 12/31/2024	01/15/2025
11-Day Pre-June Election	If filing first report: Beginning of campaign – 05/27/2025 OR If January Semiannual filed: 01/01/2025 – 05/27/2025	05/30/2025
24-Hour Reports (June)	05/28/2025 – 06/09/2025	Day after receipt of contribution or purchase of \$1,000 or more
42-Day Post-June Election	05/28/2025 – 07/15/2025	07/22/2025

Pre-Election Semiannual Reports

For June Election Candidates: If the campaign has raised or spent more than \$500 in the year prior to the election, a January Semiannual Report is required. The reporting period is the start of the campaign/July 1 to December 31st of the year prior to the election.

For November Election Candidates: If the campaign has raised or spent more than \$500 before July 1st of the election year a July Semiannual Report is required. The reporting period is the start of the campaign/January 1st to June 30th. If a November elections candidate begins fundraising in the year prior to the election, and raises or spends \$500 or more in that year, they will also have to file a January Semiannual Report, following the same reporting period for June Election Candidates mentioned above. If a November elections candidate is required to file a January Semiannual Report, they must also file a July Semiannual Report, regardless of financial activity.

Semiannual Reports are always due on the 15th of January and July, unless the 15th falls on a weekend or major holiday.

July Semiannual	01/01/2025 – 06/30/2025	07/15/2025
11-Day Pre-Nov. Election	If filing first report: Beginning of campaign – 10/21/2025 OR If 2025 July Semiannual filed: 07/01/2025 – 10/21/2025	10/24/2025
24-Hour Reports (Nov.)	10/22/2025 – 11/03/2025	Day after receipt of contribution or purchase of \$1,000 or more
42-Day Post-Nov. Election	10/22/2025 – 12/09/2025	12/16/2025

FILING PROCEDURES

Filing Campaign Finance Reports on Paper. Each original campaign finance report signed by the candidate and/or treasurer must be properly filed with the Clerk's office by the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Clerk's office at the number above by the close of business on the deadline, provided that the Clerk's office receives the original report within five calendar days. A report mailed to the Clerk's office by certified or registered mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.

Staff in the Clerk's office will be available until the close of business on the filing deadlines to offer assistance.



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2025 Campaign Finance Report For Municipal Candidates

Name of Candidate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if any information has changed from previous report	
Street Address:		
City and ZIP:	Phone Number:	
Email:		
Office Sought:	District Number (if applicable):	
Name of Treasurer:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if any information has changed from previous report	
Mailing Address:		
City and ZIP:	Phone Number:	
Email:		
Report Name	Filing Period	Filing Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> January Semiannual	07/01/2024 – 12/31/2024	01/15/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 11-Day Pre-June Election	If filing first report: Beginning of campaign – 05/27/2025 OR If January Semiannual filed: 01/01/2025 – 05/27/2025	05/30/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 42-Day Post-June Election	05/28/2025 – 07/15/2025	07/22/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> July Semiannual	01/01/2025 – 06/30/2025	07/15/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 11-Day Pre-Nov. Election	If filing first report: Beginning of campaign – 10/21/2025 OR If 2025 July Semiannual filed: 07/01/2025 – 10/21/2025	10/24/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 42-Day Post-Nov. Election	10/22/2025 – 12/09/2025	12/16/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if campaign had not activity for the reporting period. (No other pages are required)		

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS REPORT AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE IT IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE.

Treasurer Signature

Date

Candidate Signature

Date

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SCHEDULE A
CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Itemize all cash contributions from contributors who have given you more than \$50 in this report period.
- Both cash and in-kind contributions count toward the \$50 threshold.
- Report the occupation and employer for individual contributors who contributed more than \$50 in this report period. If you requested employment information but did not receive it, write "information requested."
- Cash contributions of \$50 or less may be aggregated and reported as a lump sum. Use "Contributors giving \$50 or less" as the contributor type.
- If you transferred surplus funds from a previous campaign to your current campaign, report that amount in the first report for the current election cycle.
- Duplicate as needed.

Total contributions from the same source (except candidate and candidate's spouse/domestic partner) may NOT exceed \$600 in any election for municipal office.

Contributor Types

1 Candidate and Candidate's Spouse/Domestic Partner	5 Political Party Committees
2 Other Individuals	6 Other Candidates and Committees
3 Commercial Source	7 Contributors giving \$50 or less
4 Political Action Committees	8 Transfer from previous campaign

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, Zip	Occupation	Employer	Type	Amount
Total Cash Contributions (this page only) →					
(combined totals from all Schedule A pages must be listed on Schedule F, Line 1)					

SCHEDULE A
CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributor Types

1 Candidate and Candidate's Spouse/Domestic Partner	5 Political Party Committees
2 Other Individuals	6 Other Candidates and Committees
3 Commercial Source	7 Contributors giving \$50 or less
4 Political Action Committees	8 Transfer from previous campaign

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, Zip	Occupation	Employer	Type	Amount
Total Cash Contributions (this page only) → (combined totals from all Schedule A pages must be listed on Schedule F, Line 1)					

SCHEDULE A-1
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

In-kind contributions are goods and services (including use of facilities) that you received at no cost or at a cost less than the fair market value. They include all goods and services purchased for the campaign by the candidate or supporters if the campaign does not expect to reimburse the candidate or supporter. These contributions may come from the candidate, candidate's family, supporters, PACs, party committees, or other entities. Goods that you have retained from an earlier election such as signs are not in-kind contributions to your current campaign.

- Itemize all in-kind contributions from contributors who have given you contributions totaling more than \$50 in this report period. Both cash and in-kind contributions count toward the \$50 threshold.
- Report the occupation and employer for individual contributors who contributed more than \$50 in this report period. If you requested employment information but did not receive it, write "information requested."
- In-kind contributions of \$50 or less may be aggregated and reported as a lump sum. Use "Contributors giving \$50 or less" as the contributor type.
- If you received goods or services for less than the usual and customary charge, report the amount of the discount as an in-kind contribution.
- A description of the goods or services received is required.
- Duplicate as needed.

Total contributions (cash and in-kind) from the same source (except candidate and candidate's spouse/domestic partner) may NOT exceed \$600 in any election for municipal office.

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Date Received:	Contributor's Name, Address, Zip:	Occupation:	Employer:	Type:	Amount:
Description of Goods/Services:					
Date Received:	Contributor's Name, Address, Zip:	Occupation:	Employer:	Type:	Amount:
Description of Goods/Services:					
Date Received:	Contributor's Name, Address, Zip:	Occupation:	Employer:	Type:	Amount:
Description of Goods/Services:					
Date Received:	Contributor's Name, Address, Zip:	Occupation:	Employer:	Type:	Amount:
Description of Goods/Services:					
Date Received:	Contributor's Name, Address, Zip:	Occupation:	Employer:	Type:	Amount:
Description of Goods/Services:					

Total In-Kind Contributions (this page only) →

(combined totals from all Schedule A-1 pages must be listed on Schedule F, Line 8)

SCHEDULE A-1

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Total In-Kind Contributions (this page only) ➔

(combined totals from all Schedule A-1 pages must be listed on Schedule F, Line 8)

SCHEDULE B
EXPENDITURES

- Enter the date, payee, **expenditure type**, and amount for each expenditure made during the report period.
- All expenditures require a remark. Enter a description of the goods and services purchased.
- For expenditures made with the candidate's or authorized individual's personal funds and that are reimbursed within the same report period, enter them as reimbursed expenditures (Payee Name is the vendor and the person who was reimbursed is named in the Remark field). If expenditures made by others are not reimbursed by the end of the report period, they are either reported as in-kind contributions or unpaid debts and obligations.
- If you use campaign funds to pay or reimburse an immediate family member or household member for goods or services they provided or purchased for the campaign, you **must** list the family or household relationship in the remarks section.
- Duplicate as needed

Only enter expenditures that have actually been paid. Enter unpaid debts and obligations on Schedule D.

EXPENDITURE TYPES

APP	Apparel (t-shirts, hats, embroidery, etc.)	OTH	Other and fees (bank, contribution, and money order fees, etc.)
CON	Contribution to party committee, non-profit, other	PER	Personnel and campaign staff, consulting, and independent contractors
EQP	Equipment of \$50 or more (computer, tablet, phone, furniture, etc.)	PHO	Phones (phone banking, robocalls, and texts)
EVT	Campaign and fundraising events (venue/booth rental, entertainment, supplies, etc.)	POL	Polling and survey research
FOD	Food for campaign events or volunteers, catering	POS	Postage for US Mail and mailbox fees
HRD	Hardware and small tools (hammer, nails, lumber, paint, etc.)	PRO	Professional services (graphic design, legal services, web design)
LIT	Printed campaign materials (palmcards, signs, stickers, flyers etc.)	RAD	Radio ads and production costs only
MHS	Mail house and direct mail (design, printing, mailing, and postage)	TKT	Entrance cost to event (bean suppers, fairs, party events, etc.)
NEW	Newspaper and print media ads only	TRV	Travel (mileage and lodging, etc.)
OFF	Office supplies, rent, utilities, internet service, phone minutes/data	TVN	TV/Cable ads, production, and media buyer costs only
ONL	Social medial and online advertising only	WEB	Website and internet costs (website domain and registration, etc.)

Date	Name of Payee	Type	Remark	Amount

Total Expenditures (this page only) ➔

(combined totals from all Schedule B pages must be listed on Schedule F, Line 5)

SCHEDULE B EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURE TYPES

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Total Expenditures (this page only) ➔

(combined totals from all Schedule B pages must be listed on Schedule F, Line 5)

SCHEDULE C
LOANS AND LOANS REPAYMENT

- List all new and continuing loans that were unpaid at any time during this reporting period.
- If a loan amount is forgiven, the amount forgiven must also be entered as a contribution on Schedule A.
- Loans cannot exceed \$600 in any election for municipal candidates, except loans made by the candidate, the candidate's spouse or domestic partner, or a financial institution in the State of Maine
- Duplicate as needed.

	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5
Lender's Name and Address	Loan Balance at Beginning of Period	ACTIVITY THIS PERIOD (report amount and date)			LOAN BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD (1+2) – 3 – 4
		Amount Loaned this Period	Amount Repaid this Period	Amount Forgiven this Period	
		Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	
		Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	
		Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	
		Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	
		Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	
		Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	Date: Amount:	
Totals for each column ➔		Enter on Schedule F, Line 2	Enter on Schedule F, Line 6	Enter on Schedule F, Line 2.a	Enter on Schedule F, Line 10

SCHEDULE D
UNPAID DEBTS and OBLIGATIONS

- You have incurred a debt or obligation if you have placed an order for a good or service without making a payment; made a promise or agreement to pay for a good or service; signed a contract for a good or service; and received delivery of a good or service for which you have not paid.
- If the campaign has not received a bill for goods or services, contact the vendor to obtain the amount owed. If it is impossible to verify the amount of the debt, enter an estimated amount and indicate that the amount is estimated in the purpose section.
- Report actual payments to vendors on Schedule B.
- Duplicate as needed.

Date	Creditor's Name and Address	Purpose	Amount
Total Unpaid Debts and Obligations (this page only) → (combined totals from all Schedule B pages must be listed on Schedule F, Line 9)			

SCHEDULE F
SUMMARY SCHEDULE

- This page is required for all candidates except those checking the no activity box on the cover page of the report.
- The cash balance on line 14 must match the campaign's reconciled bank account balance as of the last day of the report period.

CASH ACTIVITY

Receipts

1. Cash Contributions this Period (total of all Schedule A pages)	
2. Loans this Period (Schedule C, column 2)	
2.a. Adjustment for Forgiven Loan Amount this Period (Schedule C, column 4)*	-
3. Other Cash Receipts this Period (interest, etc.)	
4. Total Receipts this Period [(lines 1 + 2 + 3) – line 2.a.]	

Expenditures

5. Expenditures this Period (total of all Schedule B pages)	
6. Loan Repayments this Period (Schedule C, column 3)	
7. Total Payments this Period (lines 5 + 6)	

OTHER ACTIVITY THIS REPORTING PERIOD

8. In-kind Contributions this Period (total of all Schedule A-1 pages)	
9. Total Unpaid Debts at Close of Period (total of all Schedule D pages)	
10. Total Loan Balance at Close of Period (Schedule C, column 5)	

CASH SUMMARY FOR PERIOD

11. Cash Balance at Beginning of Period (Schedule F, line 14 from last report)	
12. Plus Total Receipts this Period (line 4 above)	+
13. Minus Total Payments this Period (line 7 above)	-
14. Cash Balance at End of Period (must match reconciled bank account balance)	=

* If you forgave a loan or part of a loan during the report period, you need to enter the forgiven amount on line 2.a. and subtract it from the sum of lines 1, 2 & 3. This adjustment is needed so that the forgiven amount is not double-counted as a receipt.

§682. Political activities

Certain activities are prohibited on election day. [PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (RPR).]

1. Instruction limited. Within the voting place, a person may not instruct another in the method of marking the ballot, except as provided in section 672.
[PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (RPR).]

2. Influence prohibited. On public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not:

- A. Influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office or question that is on the ballot for the election that day; or [PL 2019, c. 371, §21 (AMD).]
- B. Attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office or question that is on the ballot for the election that day. [PL 2019, c. 371, §21 (AMD).]
- C. [PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (RP).]

These limitations do not prohibit a candidate, or no more than one representative of a candidate, from greeting a voter if the candidate or representative of the candidate does not state the name of the office that the candidate is seeking in that election year or wear any button, name tag, apparel or label or have or use any item or sign displaying the candidate's name or the name of the office the candidate is seeking or otherwise express support for or opposition to a party, a candidate or a ballot question.

[PL 2023, c. 109, §1 (AMD).]

2-A. Application. This subsection governs the application of subsection 2.

- A. Subsection 2 does not apply to pollwatchers, who may remain in the voting place outside the guardrail enclosure as long as they do not attempt to influence voters or interfere with their free passage. [PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (NEW).]
- B. Subsection 2 does not prohibit media representatives from conducting an exit poll, as long as they do not solicit voters until after the voters have voted and do not orally communicate with voters in a way that influences a voter's vote. [PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (NEW).]
- C. If a person attempts to influence voters or interfere with their free passage, the warden shall have that person removed from the voting place. [PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (NEW).]

[PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (NEW).]

3. Advertising prohibited. A person may not display advertising material; operate an advertising medium, including a sound amplification device; or display or distribute campaign literature, posters, palm cards, buttons, badges or stickers containing a candidate's name or otherwise intending to influence the opinion of any voter regarding a candidate for an office or question that is on the ballot for the election that day on any public property located within 250 feet of the entrance to either the voting place or the building in which the registrar's office is located. The term "sound amplification device" includes, but is not limited to, sound trucks, loudspeakers and blowhorns.

- A. This subsection does not apply to advertising material on automobiles traveling to and from the voting place for the purposes of voting. It does not prohibit a person who is at the polls solely for the purpose of voting from wearing a campaign button when the longest dimension of the button does not exceed 3 inches. [PL 2009, c. 253, §27 (AMD).]
- B. Nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising may be allowed at the discretion of the clerk if arrangements are made prior to election day. If arrangements are not made in advance of the election day, the warden may, at the warden's discretion, either allow or prohibit nonpolitical charitable activities and other nonpolitical advertising. [PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (RPR).]

C. [PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (RP).]
[PL 2019, c. 371, §22 (AMD).]

4. Devices for audible communication. Party workers or others may not use cellular phones, voice pagers or similar devices to make audible voice communication within the voting place that is in violation of subsection 2.

[PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (NEW).]

5. Violation. A person who knowingly engages in activities prohibited by this section commits a Class E crime.

[PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (NEW).]

6. Public property limited. For purposes of this section, "public property" does not include a public right-of-way across privately owned property if it is an easement right-of-way.

[PL 2009, c. 253, §28 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

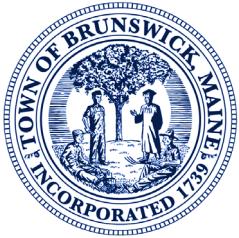
PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW). PL 1985, c. 383, §11 (AMD). PL 1991, c. 466, §20 (AMD). PL 1993, c. 473, §§19,20 (AMD). PL 1993, c. 473, §46 (AFF). PL 1995, c. 459, §§61,62 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 310, §37 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 447, §22 (RPR). PL 2005, c. 568, §§14,15 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 253, §§27, 28 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 447, §22 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 371, §§21, 22 (AMD). PL 2023, c. 109, §1 (AMD).

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Town of Brunswick, Maine

INCORPORATED 1739

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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TO: Fran Smith

FM: Code Office

RE: Political Signs

DT: July 27, 2023

In accordance with the Town's 2017 Zoning Ordinance, political signs are only allowed to be placed on private property, not on public property, and may remain indefinitely. Public property is understood to be, those areas that are owned by the Town of Brunswick which may include, but not limited to the following, properties owned and occupied by Town buildings, parks and boat launches, athletic fields, tennis courts, and road right of ways (ROW).

In the past, there has been some confusion over where the Town's ROW lines are on the face of the earth. Typically, without any property markers, it's difficult to locate the ROW lines accurately. However, the policy is to classify the town into two different areas. The first being "**in town**" and the second located in the more "**rural**" parts of town. In the in-town areas, if the sign placement is located on the home side of the sidewalk, utility poles, and/or fire hydrants, then it is safe to say that it is not within the ROW., and on private property. In the rural areas, utility poles and fire hydrants are again determining factors, as well as gravel shoulders and town-maintained ditches. Therefore, in the rural areas, if the placements of signs are located beyond poles and hydrants, gravel shoulders, and ditches, it is safe to assume that they're on private property. In addition to the above, it is more than apparent that medians, traffic, islands, esplanades, etc. are all located within a road ROW.

Resulting from a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, and the new State Law, Political Signs are no longer allowed on State owned "Control of Access" roads such as the Interstate system and it's on and off ramps. With that in mind, MDOT will periodically check these areas and remove all posted signs. We have and will continue to request MDOT to remove them if needed.

It should be noted, owner's permission, should be first granted prior to the installation of a political signs on private property.

Requestor Information

Individual name:	
Entity name:	
Mailing address:	
Email address:	
Daytime phone:	Fax:

Data Files – *check the file(s) you would like to request, then complete the section(s) listed on the right for data options and payment information (if applicable).*



File Name	Permitted Use - See 21-A MRS 196-A(1) ¶¶ A-J	Complete Section(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Party/Campaign Use Voter File A. For use by: Parties, Candidate or Issue Campaigns & Officials	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Activities – Party Name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Campaign – Candidate/Office: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Issue Campaign <i>(list the campaign/petition effort in Maine):</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Get-out-the-vote Activities <i>(list the campaign in Maine):</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Elected/Appointed Official – Office Title & District (if applicable) _____	1 A,B,C,D,E 7,8,9
<input type="checkbox"/> Party/Campaign Use Voter File (NVRA) – Must be obtained from the Secretary of State only B. For use by: Public to evaluate & enforce compliance with the NVRA and other valid purposes protected by the NVRA	<input type="checkbox"/> Intended Use of the Voter File _____ _____ _____	1 A,B,C,D,E 7,8,9
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Voter Report	Individual voter requesting own information	2, 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Biennial Caucus File	For use by party officials to conduct biennial caucus	3, 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Absentee Voter File or Report	Any person may request	4, 7, 8, 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Use Voter File	For governmental / quasi-governmental entities for official use	5, 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical Report(s)	Any person may request statistical information	6, 9

Section 1 – Party/Campaign Use Voter File – Select data options

A. Voter Status – Note: Cancelled status is available for statewide NVRA compliance files only.

- Active
- Inactive
- Cancelled

B. Enrollment Status

- All voters (all parties & unenrolled)
- Specific Party or Parties: D G L NL R
- Unenrolled (or with specified party)
- Other Qualifying Parties (N/A in 2024)

C. Electoral Districts Requested

- Municipality-wide data: Municipality: _____ District (if applicable): _____
- County-wide data: County: _____ District (if applicable): _____
- Statewide data
- State district data:
 - Congressional District # _____
 - State Senate District # _____
 - State Representative District # _____

D. Voter Participation History – (Optional) May request for up to 2 elections

- Date and name of Election: _____
- Date and name of Election: _____

E. Voter File Update Request – (Optional) For use when requesting a voter file update (available on request not more than once every 30 days for 12 months after purchase of Party/Campaign Use Voter File).

- Full File (complete voter file)
- New or Changed Voters (additions and changes to data from last data request)

Section 2 – Individual Voter Report – Individuals requesting their own information

Voter Name: _____ Voter Date of Birth: _____

Section 3 – Biennial Caucus File – for use by party officials in conducting the biennial caucus

- Municipality-wide data: Municipality: _____
- County-wide data: County: _____
- Statewide data

Section 4 – Absentee Voter File or Report – any person may obtain

- Date and name of Election: _____

Section 5 – Governmental Use Voter File – For governmental / quasi-governmental entities

- Intended use of data: _____

Section 6 – Statistical Reports – any person may obtain these reports, which contain no data identifying individual voters.

Report	Data Options	Available from:
<input type="checkbox"/> Voter Demographics File	<input type="checkbox"/> First Name OR <input type="checkbox"/> Last Name	State only
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered & Enrolled Voters		State or Municipality
<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection/Cancellation Summary Report	Date Range: ___/___/___ - ___/___/___	State or Municipality
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Street Library		Municipality only
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward/Precinct List		Municipality only

Section 7 – Medium Requested [subject to fees in 21-A MRS, section 196-A (2)]

Note: Due to confidentiality and security factors, transfer of data by email is not approved.

A. Paper (pdf format, select one): Printed Report Mailing Labels

B. Electronic pipe-delimited text file saved on digital storage media (i.e., new thumb drive provided by the state or municipality).

Section 8 – Payment - Please contact the Secretary of State's Office or the municipality for the amount of the fee. Credit Cards and checks are accepted.

Personal/Business Check Certified/Bank Check Credit Card

If paying by check:

Request Submitted to:	Checks Payable to:
Secretary of State's Office	Treasurer of State or the Secretary of State
Municipality	Municipality

Section 9 – Options for Receiving Data

Mail
 Pickup from Municipality
 Pickup from Elections Division (111 Sewall Street, Augusta, ME) – 4th Floor

I, the undersigned requestor of information from Maine's Central Voter Registration (CVR) system, understand that the information I receive from the CVR is subject to the restrictions on use and redistribution of data, as provided in 21-A MRS, section 196-A, subsection 1, except that the Voter File may be used and disseminated for valid purposes under the NVRA, including evaluation and enforcement of compliance with the NVRA. I further understand that I may not use information from Maine's CVR system to engage in discrimination, as provided in 21-A MRS, section 196-A, subsection 4, or for commercial purposes and that violations of the law may be a civil violation for which fines of up to \$1,000 for a first offense and up to \$5,000 for each subsequent offense may be adjudged.

Signature of Requestor: _____ Date: _____

Office/Title for Named Entity: _____

For Internal Use Only

Fee Collected: _____ Check No. _____ Credit Card: _____

Date Data Created: _____ Date Issued to Requestor: _____ In Person By Mail

Initial Request Request for Update (Update #: _____) Free List (no updates available)