Polling Place Buffer Zones for Cabarrus County Early Voting

Buffer zones as designated by G.S. 163-166.4 county board of elections, shall, where practical, set the limit at 50 feet from the door of entrance to the voting place, measured when that door is closed, but in no event shall it set the limit at more that 50 feet or at less than 25 feet.

Polling Place	Location of Buffer Zone
Cabarrus EMS HQ Station 9 793 Cabarrus Avenue West Concord, NC 28025	50' from entrance of polling place labeled with blue tape
Cabarrus Afton Ridge Active Living Center/Library 6095 Glen Afton Boulevard Kannapolis, NC 28027	50' from entrance of polling place labeled blue tape
Cabarrus Arena & Event Center 4751 NC Highway 49 Concord, NC 28025	50' from entrance of polling place labeled with blue tape
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College @ NCRC 399 Biotechnology Lane Kannapolis, NC 28081	50' from entrance of polling place labeled blue tape

Additionally there is a 6' buffer zone surrounding the curbside area at each location.

See also the attached resolution regarding election-related activity and signage adopted by the Cabarrus County Board of Elections on October 1, 2026 which specifies the area designated for signs at each early voting site.

CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CABARRUS
RESOLUTION REGARDING ELECTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus County Board of Elections is committed to keeping each voter free from intimidation and interference in his/her vote, regardless of political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus County Board of Elections believes that each candidate and his/her electioneering workers (collectively "campaigners") desire that all the voters and campaigners of Cabarrus County have a safe voting experience; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus County Board of Elections has the authority to establish areas of up to 50 feet as measured from the door of entrance to the voting place and up to 6 feet surrounding a vehicle with a voter engaged in curbside voting ("buffer zones") NC Gen Stat § 163-166.4; and

WHEREAS, tents and tables for campaigners and/or other groups are prohibited in the electioneering area during the early voting period and on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, signs shall be placed in the designated area as identified on overview photos of each location; and

WHEREAS, to ensure a safe and secure voting experience for the voters of Cabarrus County, the following activities are prohibited inside the buffer zones of any voting location.

A. It is unlawful to conduct campaign-related activity (electioneering) within the buffer zones. This includes but is not limited to handing out campaign literature, talking to voters or poll workers about candidates or issues, or otherwise attempting to influence the election. These actions do NOT include a voter wearing clothing with a political message inside the buffer zones when he/she is in the process of voting.
B. Many polling places are located in schools; it is unlawful to bring a firearm on school property, even if school is not in session and regardless of the buffer zones. NC Gen Stat § 14-269.2. Some polling locations, private or governmental, are posted as all weapons are prohibited. At other locations, any aggressive or ostentatious display of a weapon will almost certainly constitute an act of intimidation. Cabarrus County Board of Election officials seek to ensure voting locations are safe and free of intimidation.

C. No person shall photograph, videotape, or otherwise record the image or sound of any voter within the voting enclosure, except with the permission of both the voter and the chief judge of the precinct. If the voter is a candidate, only the permission of the voter/candidate is required. Furthermore, no person shall photograph, videotape, or otherwise record the image of a voted official ballot for any purpose not otherwise permitted under law. NC Gen § 163-166.3; and

WHEREAS, to ensure a safe and secure voting experience for the voters of Cabarrus County, the following activities, by way of example include but are not limited to, are prohibited by any person or group of persons outside of the buffer zones of any voting location.

A. Hindering and/or obstructing a voter's access to the voting place;
B. Intimidating, interfering, or harassing a voter as he/she goes to vote or in the process of voting. This may include blocking the entrance to a voting location or disrupting voting lines;
C. Obstructing access to parking lots, parking spaces, and curbside voting;
D. Using threatening, insulting, or offensive language to a voter or poll worker;
E. Intentionally disseminating false or misleading information at a voting location, such as flyers or communications that misstate the date of the election, hours of operation for voting locations, addresses for voting locations, or similar efforts intended to disenfranchise voters;
F. Directly confronting or questioning voters in a harassing or intimidating manner, including asking voters for "documentation" or other questions that only poll workers should perform;
G. Instigating or engaging in physical violence;
H. Displaying or communicating messages to such a level/degree where the intent and effect is to intimidate or discourage potential voters from exercising the lawful right to vote.

WHEREAS, in sum, any activity that has the intent or effect of threatening, harassing, or intimidating voters, whether in or outside of the buffer zones, should be strictly enforced by election officials, including with assistance from law enforcement, if necessary, as a last result;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the members of the Cabarrus County Board of Elections, by unanimous vote, agree that a violation of any one of these events which is determined to be egregious or continuing in nature then law enforcement may be called pursuant to NC Gen Stat § 163-48. Otherwise, the following steps shall be taken:

A. That the first violation would result in a verbal warning to the campaigner and notification to the candidate and the party chair; and
B. That the second violation would result in written notice to the campaigner that a Board of Elections hearing will be held which may result in said campaigner being restricted from the site.

If a person experiences or witnesses prohibited activities at the voting place, we encourage you to inform a poll worker and/or the chief judge. You are also encouraged to call the Cabarrus County Board of Elections at 704 920 2860. We will use the information you provide to contact the appropriate candidate and/or party official to help resolve the issue.

That this resolution shall continue in effect during all elections until amended or rescinded by a future Board.

Adopted this the 1st day of October 2026.

By:
Cabarrus County Board of Elections

Jay White, Chairman

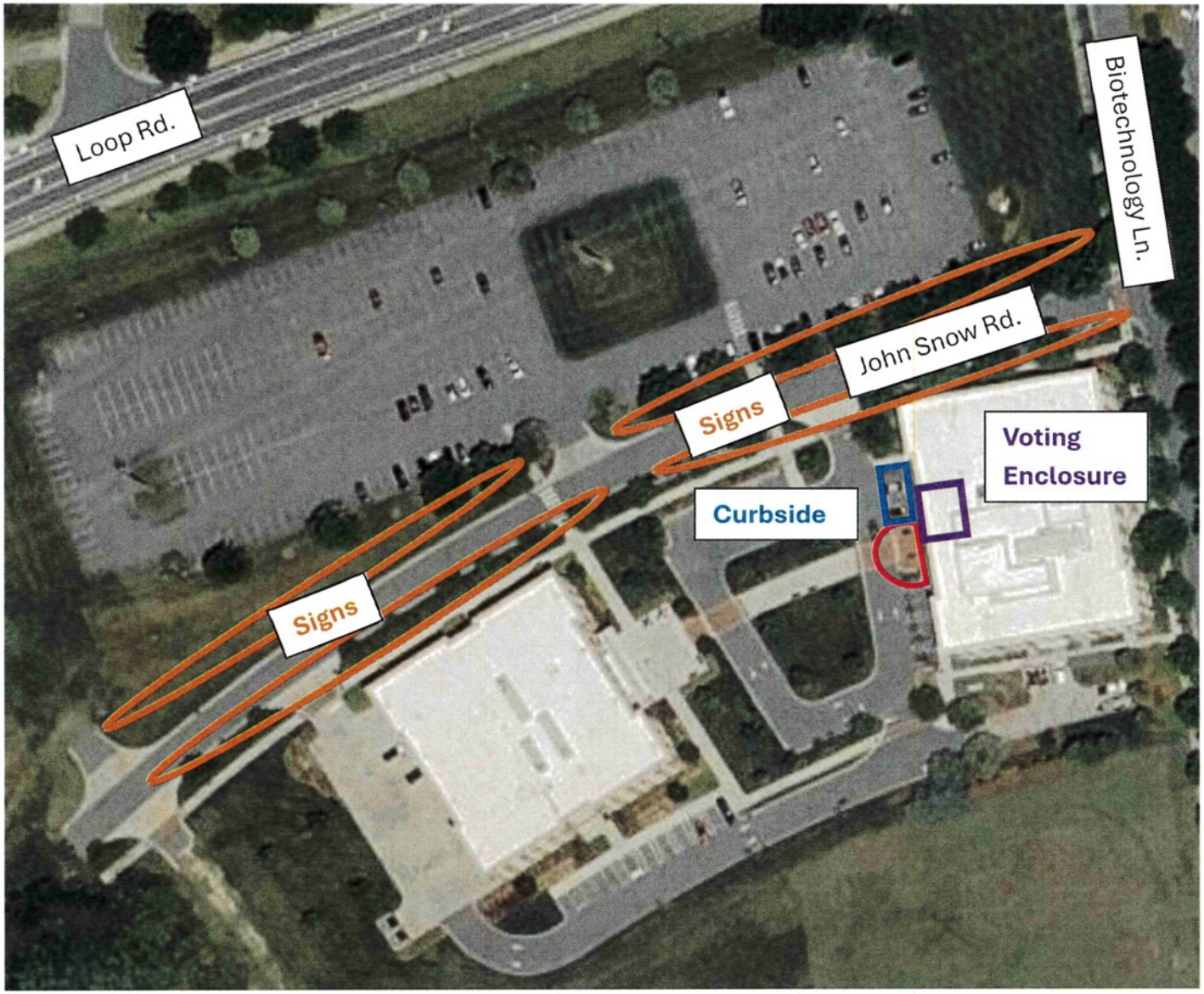
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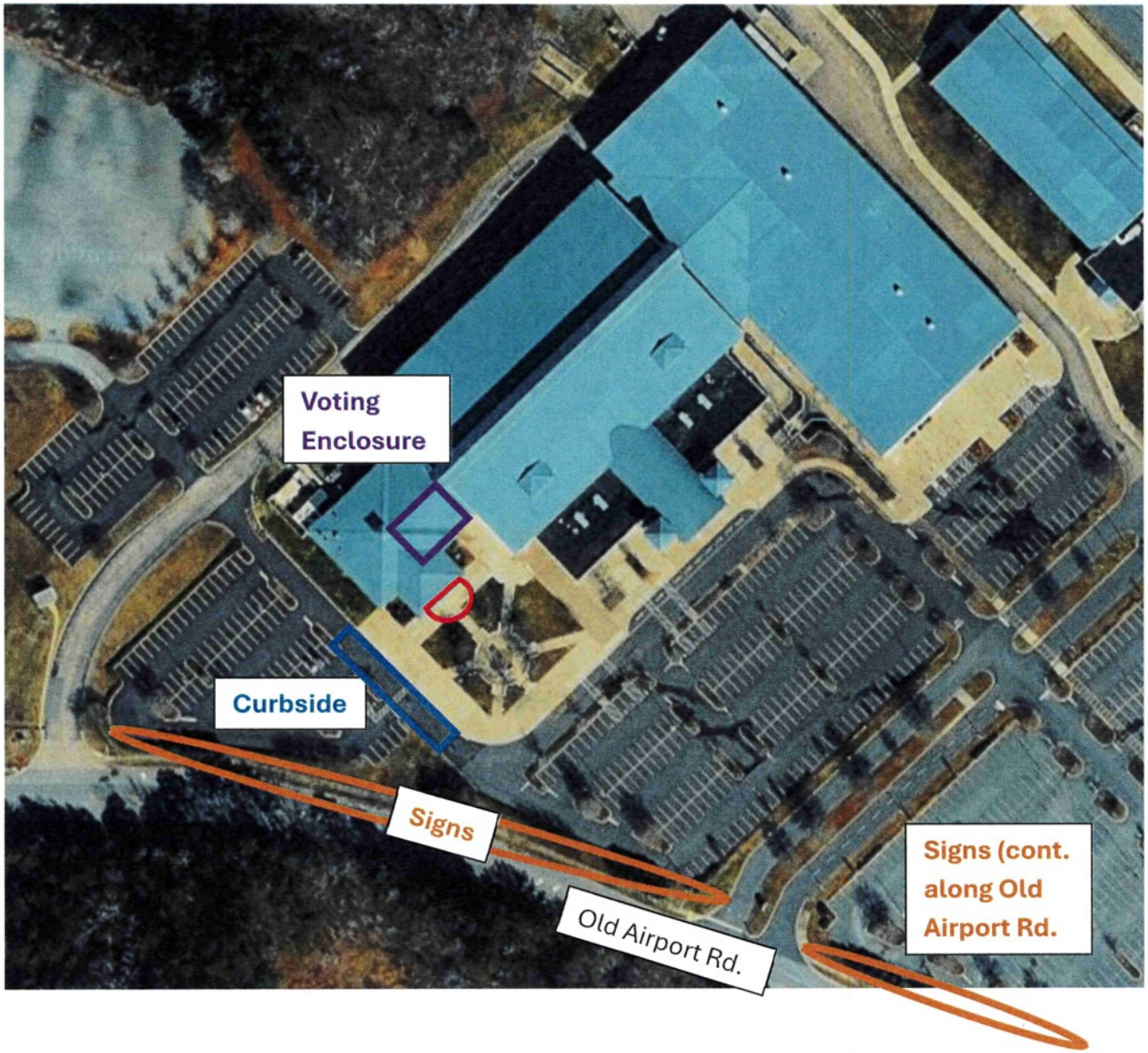
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CABARRUS COUNTY EMS HQ



CABARRUS ARENA & EVENTS CENTER



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