

Housing Authority of the City of New Haven

Policy on Political Signage and Political Activities on HANH Property

From time to time, individuals running for political office or groups supporting such individuals seek to engage in a variety of campaign activities on HANH property. HANH encourages its residents to participate fully in the political process and has established the following policies to ensure safety and security for residents as well as fairness for all seeking access to HANH properties for the purpose of political campaigning.

--Individuals running for office or groups supporting such individuals may hold events in public areas of HANH's residential properties normally available for public gatherings, such as community rooms and meeting spaces if they have received an invitation from a HANH resident, and if that HANH resident has followed the normal procedures for getting authorization to use the space in question (e.g. signing out the key, placing a security deposit etc.)

--Except during a resident sponsored political event as outlined above, political signage may not be posted in public areas of HANH properties, which includes the grounds, building exteriors, hallways (including doors to residences), stairwells, elevators, meeting rooms and common areas etc. All political signage displayed during a resident-sponsored political event must be removed at the conclusion of this event.

--Political signage may be posted by residents in their windows provided this does not interfere with any requirements for emergency egress.

--In order to protect the safety and security of HANH residents, individuals or organizations wishing to engage in door-to-door canvassing on behalf of a ballot candidate or ballot initiative must notify the Director of Operations at least 48 hours in advance by calling 498-8800 ext. 1085. While canvassing, such individuals or organizations must be accompanied by a resident of the HANH property in question.

--Any questions or comments concerning this policy should be addressed to:
Alex Johnston, Director of Operations
Housing Authority of the City of New Haven
360 Orange St
PO Box 1912
New Haven, CT 06511



NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANVASS HANH PROPERTIES

Date _____

Name of Requesting Group _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Date of Visit _____ Start Time _____ Ending Time _____

Purpose of the Visit _____

HANH procedures for the solicitation of residents:

1. No commercial solicitation is allowed on HANH Properties.
2. Solicitation by any group shall only take place between the hours of 8AM and 8PM.
3. Written notice of Intent to Canvass must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of intended visit. This form may be faxed or delivered to the attention of:

Hank Beattie
Chief of Public Safety
Housing Authority of the City of New Haven
360 Orange St/PO Box 1912
New Haven, CT 06511

FAX: 203-777-2311

4. The Asset Manager of the property concerned shall be notified upon the group's arrival
(A list of Asset Managers and phone numbers is appended)
 - a) Group members shall comply with HANH Visitor Policies and cooperate with the Building Attendants present.
 - b) HANH identification cards are available upon request to the Chief of Public Safety (Hank Beattie, 498-8800 ext. 1540)
5. No posters or other materials are to be posted without the permission of the Asset Manager and in no event shall they be placed on hallway or exterior walls. No political signage may be posted in public areas of any HANH property except during a resident-sponsored political event (see Policy on Political Activity in HANH Properties).
6. No loose materials are to be left on the floors, desks, chairs or other places in the building.
7. Any special requests for use of HANH properties should be made to the Chief of Public Safety

While HANH supports residents' involvement in the political process and does not seek to unduly burden any group seeking access, we are also concerned with resident privacy and security. If you have any questions or concerns about the above procedures please contact the Director of Operations (Alex Johnston, 498-8800 ext. 1086).

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