

September 4, 2024

TO: New London & State Democrats; New London & State Republicans;

Candidates for Election; Representatives for Candidates for Election

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New London Town Moderator

RE: 2024 Electioneering Rules in New London, NH, for the New Hampshire State Primary Election, September 10, 2024.

CC: NL Town Administrator; NL Town Selectmen; NL Town Clerk; NL Election Officials; NL Chief of Police & Officers

The Polling Place for this election shall be Whipple Hall, 25 Seamans Road. I write to notify all interested persons, the location of the designated place for Electioneering.

- 1. The primary designated place for Electioneering for the election referenced above is outside Whipple Hall, on the square in front where the war memorial monuments are located.
- 2. The local party chairs will assist the Town Moderator and the Police in assuring that all rules are followed and that electioneering is held only within the designated place. All are agreed individuals holding signs must remain inside the designated Electioneering area.
- 3. No freestanding signs are permitted on Town Property. One sign may be held by each person campaigning on behalf of a candidate. Electioneering may begin as early as 6:30 A.M. the morning, on election day, and continue until the polls close at 7:00 P.M.
- 4. Tents and tables are prohibited within the primary designated Electioneering area.
- 5. Those campaigning for election and their representatives shall not call out to citizens as they approach the polling place to vote. It is the right of each citizen to go to the polls undisturbed by electioneering. There should be no behavior by electioneers that could be interpreted as harassment or intimidation. However, if a citizen approaches the candidate or representative and wishes to initiate a conversation, then that electioneer is welcome to respond.
- 6. No Election Officer (Ballot Clerks; Supervisors of the Checklist; Selectmen; Town Clerk; Moderator: etc.) shall electioneer (attempt to influence the vote of a voter on any question or office) while in the performance of his/her official duties.
- 7. Candidates or representatives shall NOT distribute or post any campaign material within the polling place.
- 8. Observers and Challengers will not be allowed in the polling place displaying or wearing any electioneering materials.

- 9. Masks are optional in the Polling Place. Those electing to wear masks may have to remove them briefly at check-in to be properly identified.
- 10. Candidates and their representatives, when voting in the election, are warmly welcomed into the polling place to vote; they are however, discouraged from lingering within the polling place other than during the time it takes to vote, since such behavior could be misconstrued as electioneering within the polling area.
- 11. Candidates or their representatives are welcome to ask the Assistant Moderators at intervals during the day, the numbers of voters who have turned out.
- 12. Candidates for election and their supporters, as well as Election Officials and others, must adhere to the New London Board of Selectmen Town Ordinance regarding Parking on Election Days. This ordinance is designed for the safety and convenience of New London Town Voters.
- 13. 15 Minute Election Day Voter Parking signs will be posted at those parking places where voter parking is allowed. We anticipate voters should be able to complete their voting within 15 minutes.
- 14. Candidates and candidate representatives may park in any space without a 15 Minute Election Day Voter Parking sign in order to provide the highest number of spaces available for the voters.
- 15. Election Officials will count any votes not already tabulated by the ballot counting device after the Polls close and make available the ballot counting device tape by 8:00 P.M., and official results as soon as is possible. Candidates or their representatives are welcome to give their name and phone number to the Town Clerk who will provide the official results when available.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude all involved developing these rules and their pledge to assist the Moderator, Assistant Moderators, Selectmen, and the Town Police as we all work to keep each election civil and cooperative. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments regarding these guidelines.

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