

West Point Baptist Church

1160 Union Road
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

February 12, 2020

Ms. Debbie Bedford, Director
Rutherford County NC Board of Elections
P.O Box 927
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Dear Ms. Bedford;

We, the members of West Point Baptist Church, 1160 Union Rd. Rutherfordton, NC are committed to actively applying the principles of Jesus Christ in service to our community. One way is serving as a Precinct Polling Station for Union Township. We have been discouraged, over the past several years, by the placement of campaign signs on our property and not being removed after the election is over. We adopted an amendment, which is recorded in our Constitution and By-laws, to refuse any sign that does not comply with church related functions to be placed on our property.

This action is pursuant to *Regulation of Signs, NC GS 136-32 section "d"*. If a sign is placed on our property, we will not destroy it, but remove it and store it in a secure place until someone picks it up. We realize that some of the volunteers working with a campaign may not realize this statute, but it does cause anguish for members that have loved ones buried in our cemetery that is littered with these articles.

Moving forward, please help us in informing everyone that we respect the rights of any candidate running for office, but we ask them to respect our privilege in maintaining a church campus that is centered on the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** as the unifying center around which everything else is built and from which all ministry flows.

Thank you,



Sheree Crowder
Church Ministry Assistant