

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0432  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Schleifer, President Scott, Councilmembers Cohen, Dorsey,  
Henry, Burnett, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: August 19, 2019

Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Department of  
Housing and Community Development, Board of Elections, Department of Public Works

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Campaign Signs in Residential Areas – Repeal of Earliest Date Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition on erecting campaign signs on residential property  
4 prior to a certain date; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

5 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

6 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

7 Section(s) 46-1

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

10 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
11 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

14 **Subtitle 46. Signs - Campaign Signs in Residential Areas**

15 **§ 46-1. [When signs may be displayed] SIGN REMOVAL.**

16 [(a) *Earliest date.*]

17 [Signs announcing candidates seeking elected public office may not be erected on the  
18 exterior or in the yard of any dwelling in Baltimore City before the last day on which a  
19 certificate of candidacy may be withdrawn.]

20 [(b) *Latest date.*]

21 [The signs] SIGNS FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE must be removed  
22 FROM THE EXTERIOR OR THE YARD OF ANY DWELLING IN BALTIMORE CITY within 30 days  
23 after any primary election day by an unsuccessful primary candidate and within 30 days

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 after any general election day by all other candidates whenever the signs were erected at  
2 the direction of or with the consent of the candidates.

3 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
4 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
5 Ordinance.

6 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
7 after the date it is enacted.