

# Suggested Conduct of Standards for VM Campaigning

## Categories

Electronic Communications, Hard Copy, Door to Door

### 1. Electronic Communications

- Neighborhood email lists and neighborhood FB pages are for the purpose of disseminating information only during a campaign.
- The sole purpose of either of these tools during a VM election campaign is for the publication of a candidate's bio. Neither may be used as a campaign forum.

### 2. Hard Copy

- Candidates, or campaign helpers, may distribute campaign flyers as long as they go to EVERY home in the neighborhood.
- Flyers must be put on the door handles, mailed via USPS, &/or banded to the mailbox flag.

### 3. Door to Door Campaigning

- A candidate must state clearly what his/her platform is and be civil at all times.
- Disparaging fellow candidates is not permitted.
- A candidate may go door to door one time only to speak to an owner. (The reasoning is to be respectful of neighbors who may not want to be bothered.)
- Candidates must go to the front door or meet the resident in his or her yard. They are not to enter through open garages if uninvited.
- If a candidate makes contact with a resident, but the resident has not submitted, or is not ready to submit, their ballot, the candidate may not return to that home. (This reasoning is based on complaints by residents that the candidate had approached them up to 3 times.)
- A candidate MAY NOT ask who a resident has voted for if that resident has already submitted their ballot.
- A candidate MAY NOT tell a resident who to vote for.
- A candidate must never harass a resident or make a resident feel threatened in any form.
- A candidate may not use bribery in any form.

### Miscellaneous

4. Each candidate must read and agree to the Westchase Code of Conduct by signature in the WCA office prior to being placed on the ballot.
5. Every candidate must submit a bio to the WCA office who will then send it to the current VM for publication via a neighborhood email blast and/or on the Neighborhood's FB page.
6. A candidate running for Voting Member may be the owner or the spouse of an owner.