PENNINGTON COUNTY CAMPUS
PETITION CIRCULATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Pennington County Commission has approved the following "Petition Circulator Code of Conduct." All petition circulators must abide by this Code of Conduct while circulating petitions on the Pennington County Campus.

Pennington County buildings are public facilities that exist to accommodate the business of county government and the courts. In an effort to preserve public safety and provide citizens the opportunity to conduct business without unnecessary disruption or inconvenience, circulators of petitions may use specifically designated areas at select facilities on the Pennington County Campus to gather signatures. The select facilities are defined as the Pennington County Courthouse and the Pennington County Administration Building.

AREAS WHERE SIGNATURE GATHERING IS PERMITTED

Pennington County Courthouse

Outside
Petition circulation is allowed on the south sidewalk area near the main entrance doors as specifically depicted on the attached color-coded map.

Pennington County Administration Building

Outside
Petition circulation is allowed in the areas described as “the elevated entrance area outside the 2nd floor main entrance doors past the covered awning” and “the south sidewalk area below the 2nd floor main entrance doors” as specifically depicted on the attached color-coded map.

CONDUCT DURING SIGNATURE GATHERING

Petition circulators are notified:

- That a petition circulator may approach people for the purpose of politely asking them to sign a petition, provided the petition circulator is within the area designated for signature gathering;
- That a petition circulator may engage in discussion, but may not verbally or physically harass, threaten or intimidate anyone for any reason;
- That a petition circulator must respect the rights of people to decline to sign a petition;
- That a petition circulator may not follow a potential signer into any area of the facility where petition circulation is prohibited;
- That a petition circulator may not at any time prevent access to the facility or block pedestrian flow to and from the entrance/exit doorways;
- Per SDCL 12-18-3, no person may engage in any practice which interferes with the voter's free access to the polls or disrupts the administration of the polling place, or conduct any petition signature gathering, on the day of an election, within one hundred feet of a polling place. For the purposes of this section, the term, polling place, means
a designated place voters may go to vote on the day of the election or go to vote absentee. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

USE OF COUNTY SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES PROHIBITED DURING PETITION CIRCULATION

Petition circulators are notified:

- That a petition circulator may not use any County or Courthouse telephone, equipment, supplies or services when gathering signatures;

All petition circulators must abide by this Code of Conduct while circulating petitions. Failure to follow the above described Code of Conduct will result in the petitioner being asked to leave County property. Failure to abide by all laws or leave County property upon request may result in removal or arrest by law enforcement officials.

Approved this 17th day of April, 2018.

By:
Pennington County Board of Commissioners

Lloyd LaCroix, Chairman