

LAKE ASHTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

POLICY REGARDING POLITICAL GROUPS

DEFINITIONS

“Amenity Facilities” – shall mean the properties and areas owned by the District and intended for recreational use and shall include, but not specifically be limited to, the Lake Ashton Clubhouse, together with its appurtenant facilities and areas.

“Policies” – shall mean the Amenity Facilities Policies of Lake Ashton Community Development District, as amended from time to time, along with all other policies and rules of the District.

“District” – shall mean the Lake Ashton Community Development District.

“Media” – shall mean certain publications and media produced by the District and solely intended to provide community information, including but not limited to the Lake Ashton Times.

“Political Issue” – shall mean any candidate, political party, issue, referendum, or amendment that is subject to a vote of electors, whether local, state or federal.

“Political Group” – shall mean any group, club, or organization that supports, endorses, or opposes a Political Issue, as defined herein.

“Rental Facilities” – shall mean the Amenity Facilities available to the public and/or to Lake Ashton organizations for rent or reservation, in accordance with the Policies of the District and the laws of the State of Florida, including but not limited to the ballroom, cardroom, cinema, conference room and the gazebo.

USE OF RENTAL FACILITIES AND POLITICAL GROUPS

1. Rental Facilities shall be available to the public and /or to Lake Ashton clubs and individuals, including Political Groups, for rent or reservation in accordance with the Policies of the District and the laws of the state of Florida
2. All activities must, at all times comply with the Chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*, and all applicable laws and regulations.
3. The Rental Facilities may not be used for political rallies, parades, protests or other campaign or events involving Political Issues intended or designed to incite disruptive or dangerous behavior.

4. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the District reserves the right to deny access to the Rental Facilities to any party, including Political Groups, if such party does not comply with the Policies of the District and the laws of the state of Florida or presents a danger to health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the District.

DISTRICT MEDIA AND POLITICAL GROUPS

1. It is the intent of the District to maintain District Media as a non-public forum for the dissemination of factual community information by the District to District residents.
2. Lake Ashton clubs, groups or organizations that meet the criteria for a club under the Policies, including Lake Ashton clubs which constitute Political Groups, may submit material for consideration by staff of the District for inclusion in District Media.
3. All information included in District Media shall be limited to factual information, shall not advocate passage or defeat of a candidate, party, measure or other Political Issue, and shall not support, endorse or oppose a candidate for nomination or election to a public office or office of political party or public officer.
4. The provisions hereunder regarding District Media shall not be interpreted to prohibit any publications, postings, mailings or information produced, endorsed or circulated by the Supervisor of Elections, local, state, federal or other government of competent jurisdiction over the District or to such publications, postings, mailings or information permitted under local, state or federal law.
5. The District may accept paid political advertising that complies with Chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*, and all applicable local, state and federal laws. The advertising rates for such paid political advertising shall be the same as those rates charged to other members of the public for paid advertising. It is the sole responsibility of the party submitting the paid political advertising to ensure the advertisements compliance with all laws, including, but not limited to, those laws requiring mandatory language and / or a disclaimer within the paid political advertising.
6. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the District reserves full editorial rights to select, exclude, modify, add or delete material submitted for inclusion in District Media, including the right to edit material relating to Political Issues, and the District additionally reserves the right to include a disclaimer in District Media noting that the Lake Ashton Community Development District does not endorse or support a particular candidate, party, measure or issue.