**Law Enforcement FAQs**

**Can people campaign or have political signs or buttons or shirts near an election office?**

**UNCLEAR.** ORS 260.695(2) prohibits electioneering near an election office. OR Attorney General Opinion 8292 analyzes whether ORS 260.695(2) violates Article I, section 8, of the Oregon Constitution. They conclude that it likely does. In 2019 the legislature was presented with this opinion and declined to remove ORS 260.695(2) from the statutes.

**Can people campaign or have political signs or buttons or shirts near an official dropbox?**

**YES.** ORS 260.695(2) may prohibit electioneering near an election office but does not include dropboxes in that prohibition unless they are within 100 feet of an election office.

**Can people block access to election offices or dropboxes?**

**NO.** ORS 260.695(3) provides that a person may not obstruct an entrance of a building in which ballots are issued or a place designated for the deposit of ballots. This is effective October 14, 2020 through the election.

**Can people ask to see your ballot or ask how you intend to vote at a dropbox or election office?**

**NO.** ORS 260.695(6) provides that a person, (except an election official) may not ask a person at any official dropbox or voting booth for whom that person intends to vote, or examine or attempt to examine the person’s ballot.

**Can someone collect ballots from others by going door to door to turn in?**

**It Depends.** Yes - If a person returns a ballot for someone not later than two days after receiving the ballot and before the polls close. **NO** – If they don’t turn in the ballot within two days or by the close of the polls. ORS 254.470(6)(d)

**Can someone collect ballots from others at a central location to turn in?**

**It Depends.** Yes - If they have a sign stating “NOT AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE” printed in all capital letters in bold 50-point type. **NO** – If they don’t. ORS 260.695(14)

There are other prohibitions in ORS 260.695(11-13) that prohibit willfully defacing, removing, altering or destroying a posted election notice (11), or election equipment or supplies, or break the seal or open any sealed package containing election supplies (12), prohibits attempting to collect voted ballots within 100 feet of any election office or dropbox (13).