



**THIS POLICY APPLIES SPECIFICALLY TO THE TAX COLLECTOR'S "MID-COUNTY"
BRANCH OFFICE LOCATED AT 6100 SAWYER LOOP ROAD**

Organizations, groups, or individuals seeking to collect signatures for petitions or to provide other lawful information may solicit Tax Collector customers by adhering to the guidelines below. Questions pertaining to this policy should be sent to Info@SarasotaTaxCollector.gov.

The Tax Collector does not endorse the purposes, policies, or speech content of any organizations, individuals, or groups petitioning/soliciting on any Tax Collector premises.

As this Tax Collector premise is owned and maintained by Sarasota County, this policy shall supplement any rules established by Sarasota County, in which case the more specific policy shall control over the more general policy, and in case of any direct conflict, this Tax Collector policy shall control.

Any organizations, groups, and/or individuals who violate this policy may be instructed to leave the premises. Failure to comply with such instruction may result in legal action, including, but not necessarily limited to, formally trespassing the offenders.

- Activities must be conducted outside the building.
- Per each organization or group, one (1) self-provided table, up to two (2) self-provided chairs, and/or one (1) self-provided, self-standing signage no larger than eight-hundred sixty-four square inches (864 sq. in.)(per side if 2-sided) may be set up only in the area designated on the attached map. No tents, canopies, stationary umbrellas, or other covered shelter may be erected. Petitioners/solicitors are not guaranteed the use of an area protected from sun, heat, or inclement weather. For clarity, the free speech zone is not limited to the designated area; rather, the designated area is for tables, chairs, and self-standing signage.
- No signs or other materials of any kind may be staked in the ground, or fastened to trees, poles/posts, fences, mailboxes, utilities, or other improvements or structures. Self-standing signage in the designated area shall not be left unattended and shall not be used during any periods of weather with forecasted sustained or gusting wind speeds exceeding 10mph. Any such signs or other materials shall not be laid on the ground or left unattended. The Tax Collector will remove or dispose of materials or signs laid on the ground or left unattended.
- No amplification devices for music, voice, or other sound may be used.



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- Petitioners/solicitors may not obstruct walkways, driveways, entrances, or exits, or otherwise hinder Tax Collector customers' access to the building. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, due to ingress/egress safety concerns, no petitioning/solicitation activity may occur within ten feet (10') of any entrance or exit door.
- Tax Collector customers and/or staff must not be harassed. Those who indicate they do not want to have a conversation shall not be further pursued.
- If at any time the presence of petitioners/solicitors causes a disturbance that interferes with: Tax Collector operations; customers' access to the building; customers' expressed desire to not be solicited; or creates a safety hazard, then such petitioners/solicitors will be instructed to leave.
- No commercial activity or fundraising is permitted.
- In the event the Tax Collector's branch office is used as an official election polling place, petitioners/solicitors and Tax Collector staff must abide by the rules set forth by the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections or otherwise provided by law.

DESIGNATED AREA FOR TABLES/CHAIRS/SIGNAGE





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