

### ***Political Use of New Paltz Public Access***

New Paltz Public Access encourages the use of public access television for political programming and has established the following guidelines in order to ensure equitable use of Public Access equipment, facilities and broadcast time.

The following guidelines apply to Channel 23 and the New Paltz Public Access YouTube Channel for six (6) weeks prior to any election within the Town and Village of New Paltz in which residents are eligible to vote:

A. Forums, Interviews and debates featuring candidates for public office and ballot issues may be shown without restriction only if the following conditions are met:

1. Programming shall be produced and represented by a neutral party
2. All candidates are given the opportunity to participate
3. If a ballot issue, both proponents and opponents are given the opportunity to participate
4. The presentation is not edited to favor one side of an issue or in favor of any candidate or subset of candidates

B. Any ongoing programs may continue to be aired without new guidance provided that such program content does not focus on promotion of any candidates or ballot issues on the current ballot during this six-week period.

C. Programming submitted that promotes an individual candidate or a selective group of candidates or ballot issues related to an upcoming election, shall be shown on Channel 23 with the following restrictions:

1. Broadcast periods will be Friday and Sunday evenings and Sunday afternoons for six (6) weeks preceding the election.
2. Videos shall be in DVD format or mp4 format
3. Each candidate can submit up to a total of thirty (30) minutes of programming. This may be a single production up to 30 minutes or any combination shorter segments that in total do not exceed 30 minutes. A program featuring multiple candidates will be divided by the number of candidates to equal no more than 30 minutes each.
4. All producers are required to sign both program agreement and channel time request forms.
5. Municipal meetings are not subject to these guidelines.
6. Fundraising is prohibited.
7. Bulletin board postings can list political party meetings but cannot include fund-raising requests, exclusive promotions for candidates or ballot issues.