Yavapai County Elections



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Posting of Political Signs and Electioneering in Yavapai County

All regulations provided on this form are subject to change without notice.

POSTING POLITICAL SIGNS: A.R.S. § 16-1019; A.R.S. § 33-1808; YC Planning & Zoning Ordinance CH6, Sec 601, Sub Sec B(5)

- It is the candidate's/committee's responsibility to check with all county, city, and/or town Planning and Zoning and Public Works Departments for any additional regulations.
- <u>FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY:</u> Comply with all portions of the Arizona Blue Stake Law prior to the placement of any political sign. See included Arizona811 brochure.
- All political signs must contain the name and telephone number or website address of the candidate or campaign committee contact person. A.R.S. § 16-1019(C)(5)
- Please obtain permission from the property owner before placing signs on private property. **Political Signs:**
- Should Not be placed in a location that is hazardous to public safety.
- Should Not obstruct clear vision in the area.
- Should Not adversely affect the intended use of the roadway.
- Should Not interfere with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Should Not be attached to any public facility/building or traffic control device.

Maximum sizes: 16 square feet in residential area, 32 square feet in commercial area and unincorporated private property.

Timeline: Candidates may post signs 71 days prior to the Primary Election, signs must be removed within 15 days after the General Election. If the candidate will not appear on the General Election Ballot, signs must be removed within 15 days after the Primary Election. EXCEPTION - on unincorporated private property, signs must be removed within 10 days after Election. (YC Planning & Zoning Ordinance CH6, Sec 601, Sub Sec B(5))

A.D.O.T.

A.R.S. §28-7903 regulates the placement of signs adjacent to state roadways and interstates; drainage channel or streams; on or around interchanges or crossroads; on or around traffic signs, signals, or devices; and on natural features, including trees and rocks.

UTILITY COMPANIES

Utility Companies <u>DO NOT</u> want signs posted on their utility poles. It poses a danger to their workers when staples, nails, or tacks are left in the pole after the sign has been removed from the pole.

State law requires you to have underground utilities marked before installing signs.

See http://www.arizona811.com/politicalsigns/

ELECTIONEERING

As a candidate, familiarize yourself with the following:

A.R.S. § 16-515(A)... "no electioneering may occur within the seventy-five foot limit."

A.R.S. § 16-411(H)..." This subsection does not allow the temporary or permanent construction of structures in public areas and parking lots or the blocking or other impairment of access to parking spaces for voters."

Political Candidates and campaign volunteers shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Yavapai County and its employees from and against any and all claims and damages caused in whole or in part by their negligent or willful acts or omissions related to the placement of political signs in, on or about County right of way/roadways.