

AMEND: RULE 4 to add Political Signs

State Law (A.R.S. 33-1261) has many details about political signage and political assembly. It is understood that this may be another contentious election season. In order to keep harmony with the community, it would be useful to clarify what the State Law says about political signs of all candidates. Note: Pima County does not seem to have a limit on number of signs, therefore, we cannot be more restrictive and can only limit signage to nine square feet.

The Committee recommends the following language about political signage be added to RULE 4 as a bulleted entry at the end of the Rule.

Political signs

- Are allowed on the front patio/back porch (Limited Common Elements).
- Are not allowed on the Common Elements (grounds, parks, sidewalks, etc.).
- cannot be placed earlier than seventy-one (71) days before a primary or general election.
- For non-advancing primary candidates must be removed fifteen (15) days after the primary election.
- For the general election must be removed fifteen (15) days after the general election.
- There is not a number limit; however, total aggregate dimensions shall not exceed nine (9) square feet at any Unit.

Text from A.R.S. 33-1261 (for information only)

E. Notwithstanding any provision in the condominium documents, an association shall not prohibit the indoor or outdoor display of a political sign by a unit owner by placement of a sign on that unit owner's property, including any limited common elements for that unit that are doors, walls or patios or other limited common elements that touch the unit, other than the roof. An association may prohibit the display of political signs as follows:

1. Earlier than seventy-one days before the day of a primary election.
2. Later than fifteen days after the day of the general election.
3. For a sign for a candidate in a primary election who does not advance to the general election, later than fifteen days after the primary election.

F. An association may regulate the size and number of political signs that may be placed in the common element ground, on a unit owner's property or on a limited common element for that unit if the association's regulation is not more restrictive than any applicable city, town or county ordinance that regulates the size and number of political signs on residential property. If the city, town or county in which the property is located does not regulate the size and number of political signs on residential property, the association shall not limit the number of political signs, except that the maximum aggregate total dimensions of all political signs on a unit owner's property shall not exceed nine square feet. An association shall not make any regulations regarding the number of candidates supported, the number of public officers supported or opposed in a recall or the number of propositions supported or opposed on a political sign.

G. An association shall not require political signs to be commercially produced or professionally manufactured or prohibit the utilization of both sides of a political sign.