## **Political Yard Signs:**

Posting a political yard sign is a protected right per Washington State law (see RCWs below).

PDF RCW 64.38.034

## Political yard signs—Governing documents.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2024 \*\*\* (SEE 5796-S.SL) \*\*\*

(1) The governing documents may not prohibit the outdoor display of political yard signs by an owner or resident on the owner's or resident's property before any primary or general election. The governing documents may include reasonable rules and regulations regarding the placement and manner of display of political yard signs.

(2) This section applies retroactively to any governing documents in effect on July 24, 2005. Any provision in a governing document in effect on July 24, 2005, that is inconsistent with this section is void and unenforceable.

[ 2005 c 179 § 1.]

PDF RCW 29A.84.040

## Political advertising, removing or defacing.

A person who removes or defaces lawfully placed political advertising including yard signs or billboards without authorization is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable to the same extent as a misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW **9A.20.021**. The defacement or removal of each item constitutes a separate violation.

[ 2003 c 111 § 2104. Prior: 1991 c 81 § 19; 1984 c 216 § 5. Formerly RCW 29.85.275.]

Per state law, the Arrowhead Point HOA CC&R's does not prohibit this activity, but does include reasonable rules and regulations regarding the placement and manner of display of political yard signs (see CC&R Article 8.8 below). Following state law and our CC&R's, one professional political yard sign that is one square foot or less may be displayed and must be clearly within a homeowner's lot (i.e., not on or near the property line with any neighbor).

8.8 Signs. No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except one professional sign of not more than one square foot or one sign of not more than five square feet advertising the property for sale or rent, or signs used by a builder to advertise the property during the construction and sales period. [Per RCW 64.38.034, political signs can't be prohibited but manner and placement can be regulated.]

Since the HOA does not endorse any particular candidate, no political signs are allowed in the common areas which are shared equally by all members.

The Board does not endorse nor prohibit this activity, acknowledging that doing so is a homeowner's right, but this activity is discouraged as has been common practice since the inception of the AHP HOA (CC&R's adopted June 17, 1987). The Board has the right and responsibility to enforce the CC&Rs and will do so equally and fairly independent of any political endorsement.