

## 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](#).]

Based on input from our HOA attorney, “the Arrowhead Point sign restriction in CC&R 8.8 is likely unenforceable and violates RCW 64.38.034 due to a recent ruling in a Washington State court case. Under the statute and court case, HOA restrictions cannot prohibit outdoor display of political yard signs before any primary or general election. HOA restrictions can only place reasonable rules and regulations regarding the placement and display of political yard signs, but cannot prohibit them outright. The language in Article 8.8 has the effect of not allowing any political signs to be displayed because of the professional requirement & 1’ x 1’ size restriction.”

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. ]

inception of the AHP HOA (CC&R's adopted June 17, 1987).