

Political Signs

The following are provisions related to political signage. For more information, please see A.R.S. § 16-1019. For legal advice, please contact a lawyer.

1. No political signs may be placed in Arizona Department of Transportation right-of-way along state highways, see A.R.S. § 16-1019(I). Signs placed in ADOT right-of-way (usually seen near roundabouts or along SR89A or SR179) are subject to removal.
2. Political signs may be placed in the City of Sedona's public right-of-way beginning 71 days prior to the primary election until 15 days after the general election (or, if candidates or ballot measures do not advance to a general election, 15 days after the primary election). As a result:
 - No signs may be placed in Sedona's public right-of-way prior to May 20, 2024 for the July 30, 2024 Primary Election.
 - For candidates or measures not advancing to the November 5, 2024 General Election, signs must be removed by August 15, 2024. For candidates or measures advancing to the General Election, signs must be removed by November 20, 2024.
3. All signs must contain the name and telephone number or website address of the candidate or campaign committee contact person. Please also be aware of the advertising disclosure requirements found in A.R.S. § 16-925.
4. Signs can be posted in the City's right of way, but not on City property or structures.
 - City right-of-way: A strip of land typically occupied or intended to be occupied by a street or road, or for another special use.
 - City property/structures: Property owned by the City of Sedona and used for a government purpose, including, but not limited to, the Sedona City Hall Complex, City buildings, City fences, and City parks.
5. Signs can only be posted on private property with the permission of the property owner.
6. Signs must be properly secured in the ground. Signs may not be affixed to guardrails, signal devices, telephone or light poles, or other street signs.
7. Political candidates or committees will be notified and given 24 hours to relocate improperly placed signs before they are removed by Code Enforcement, except for signs which impair traffic visibility or create a safety hazard. In such cases, the signs will be removed immediately by the City's Code Enforcement officers and the City will notify the candidate or campaign committee contact person within 24 hours of the removed sign's relocation.
8. There is no restriction on the number of signs a candidate or committee can place during the election cycle. There are restrictions on sign size pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-1019.
9. Please note: It is a criminal misdemeanor offense to unlawfully remove or deface a political sign in violation of A.R.S. § 16-1019.

For questions about what constitutes City right-of-way, please see the Yavapai or Coconino County Assessor's maps or call Code Enforcement at (928) 282- 1154. All other election questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (928) 282-3113.