



Guidelines for Political Signs

DEFINITION: Political signs are temporary signs used to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure, or to encourage citizens to vote.

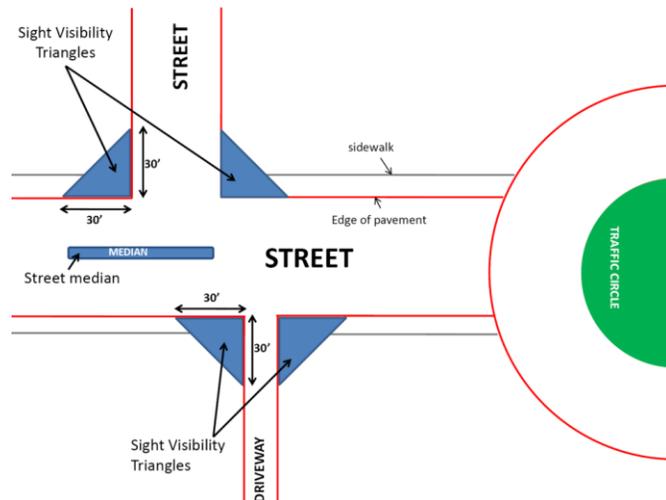
LOCATION: Political signs are allowed in all zoning districts, but there are limitations on where they may be placed.

Political Signs are **NOT PERMITTED** in the following locations:

- Sites that are **hazardous to public safety**, e.g. obscuring traffic control signs, limiting road visibility, blocking sidewalks, hanging over or placed in the roadway
- In City rights-of-way within the Sports Complex Commercial Tourism Zone
- Within 30 feet of the curbs at an intersection (site visibility triangles)
- In medians or traffic circles within roadways
- On City-owned structures such as traffic signals, light poles, and municipal buildings
- Where they interfere with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

SIZE: When located on in the City right-of-way along Local or Rural classified roadways in Residential Zoning Districts , political signs may be a maximum of 16 square feet in sign area. Political signs in all other locations may be a maximum of 32 square feet in sign area.

HEIGHT: Political signs may be a maximum of 7 feet in height. All free-standing political signs shall be constructed to meet Arizona Sign Association sign standards.



The City right-of-way is the City controlled area in and along roadways. It contains the paved portion of the road and curbs and often includes some or all of the sidewalk, where present.

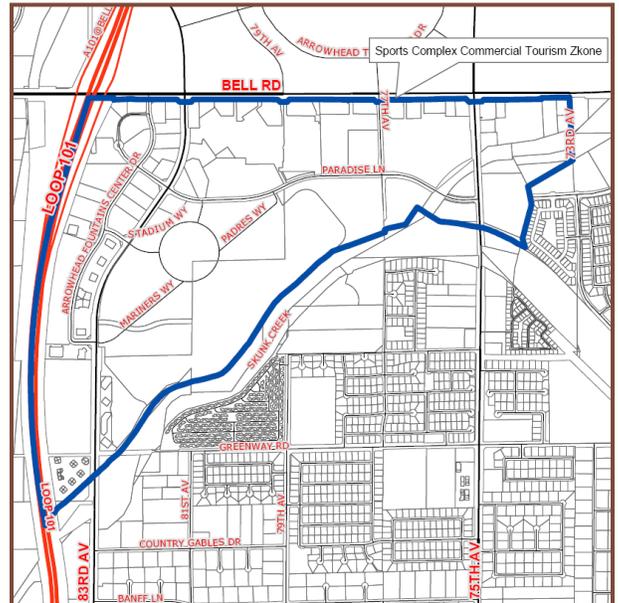
INSTALLATION & REMOVAL: Political signs may be installed up to 90 days before the Primary Election Day, and must be removed within 15 days after the General Election Day. Signs for candidates not advancing to the General Election must be removed within 15 days after the Primary Election Day.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: The parties responsible for the installation or distribution of a political sign are jointly and severally liable for its removal. All political signs must contain the name and telephone number of the candidate or campaign committee contact person or website on the sign itself.

REGULATIONS: Complete sign regulations are described in Article 14-34 of the City of Peoria Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance may be viewed online at www.peoriaaz.gov/planning. Additional sign regulations may apply to properties governed by HOAs.

KNOW WHAT'S BELOW: Get utility markings before installing political signs by contacting Arizona811 at www.arizona811.org or by calling 602-659-7500.

SPORTS COMPLEX COMMERCIAL TOURISM ZONE: Political signs may not be placed within City right-of-ways within the Sports Complex Commercial Tourism Zone. Political Signs may still be placed on private property within this zone, with the property owner's permission.



Contact Information

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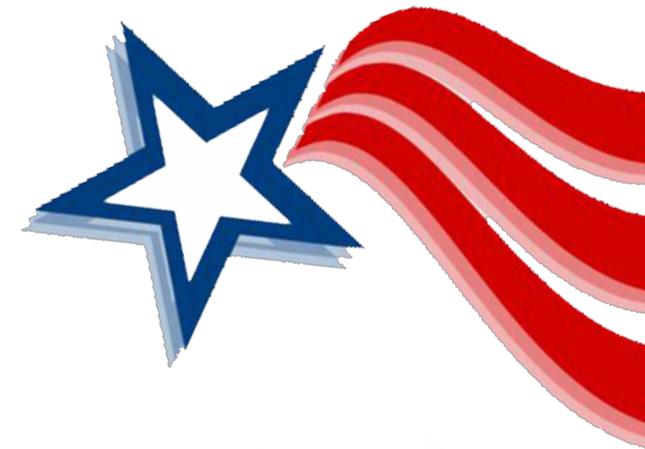
Sports Complex Commercial Tourism Zone “P83 District”

Within the designated Sports Complex Commercial Tourism Zone, **political signs may not be placed within city right-of-ways**. Political signs may still be placed on private property within this zone, with the property owner’s permission.

The general boundary of the Sports Complex Commercial Tourism Zone extends from Bell Road to the Skunk Creek Wash, and extending east from Loop 101 to the Peoria City Limits (approximately 73rd Avenue). A map is available upon request.



Guidelines for Political and Campaign Signs



Contact Arizona 811 Before You Dig

Arizona state law requires anyone who is excavating on public or private property for any reason to determine in advance if underground facilities will be encountered. Call 811 or visit their website at <http://www.azbluestake.com>.



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Guidelines for Political and Campaign Signs

This brochure provides an overview of the City of Peoria's Sign Code and Arizona Revised Statute regulations relating to the placement of political and campaign signs on private and public property. Note: The terms *political signs* and *campaign signs* are interchangeable.

Q: What are political signs?

Political signs are signs used to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure, or to encourage citizens to vote.

Q: Do political signs need a city permit?

No, but you need the owner's permission if it is located on private property.

Q: What type of sign is allowed?

Signs may be freestanding, single or double-sided. They can either be perpendicular or parallel to the street.

Q: How long can signs be installed for?

Political signs may be installed up to 90 days before the Primary Election Day, and must be removed within 15 days after the General Election Day. Signs for candidates not advancing to the General Election must be removed within 15 days after the Primary Election Day.

Sources:
Arizona Revised Statute 16-1019, and the Peoria City Code, Section 21-827 Zoning Ordinance, "Sign Code"

Q: How large can the signs be?

On private property within a residential zoning district, the maximum sign area is 16 square feet in size. Maximum height is 7 feet.

In the public right-of-way within a residential zoning district, a political sign may be a maximum of 7 feet in height and maximum of 16 square feet in size when located along a right-of-way classified as a local or rural roadway.

A political sign in the right-of-way at all other locations may be a maximum of 7 feet in height and 32 square feet in size.

Call 623-773-7394 regarding street classification questions.

Q: Who should I call if a sign is removed by the City?

Call the Code Enforcement Department at 623-773-7162 or send an email to codecompliance@peoriaaz.gov.

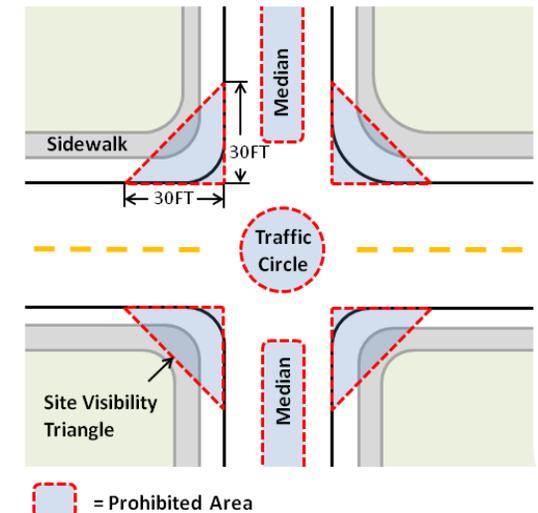
All political signs must contain the name and phone number of the candidate or campaign committee contact person on the sign. Signs removed by the city will be retained for 30 days to allow the candidate or campaign committee to retrieve the sign without penalty.

Location Guide

Arizona Revised Statutes regulate sign placement in the public right-of-way; however, it does not permit placement in locations that are hazardous to the public or violate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Within the city, political signs are allowed in all zoning districts, but there are limitations on where they may be placed. Political signs are **prohibited** in the following locations:

- In public right-of-way within the Sports Complex Commercial Tourism Zone
- On city-owned structures such as traffic signals, light poles, and municipal buildings
- Where the signs interfere with ADA requirements
- Sites that are hazardous to public safety such as shown below:



Questions?

Contact the City of Peoria Planning Division at 623-773-7200.