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## State and City regulations regarding Political Signs City of San Luis Primary and General Elections - 2016

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April 13, 2016

In the 2012 legislative session, the State Legislature passed specific legislation regarding the placement of political signs (Arizona Revised Statutes Section 16-1019).

Copies of A.R.S. Section 16-1019 is attached for your convenience. These standards were created by the State Legislature; they apply equally to all cities and counties.

All candidates, their supporters, and supporters of ballot measures are subject to these regulations. Please make sure that all campaign workers are aware of these regulations. They will govern removal of signs in right of way.

60 Days prior to election	7-1-16	First Date to erect political signs
<i>(Any signs erected prior to 60 days must meet the standard regulations of the City of San Luis.)</i>		
Primary Election	8-30-16	Remove Signs by 9-14-16
General Election	11-8-16	Remove Signs by 11-23-16

If you have any specific questions, please contact me or Jose A. Guzman at the Department of Development Services – telephone number 928-841-8563 email [jstarkey@cityofsanluis.org](mailto:jstarkey@cityofsanluis.org) or [jaguzman@cityofsanluis.org](mailto:jaguzman@cityofsanluis.org) .

Thank you for your cooperation!

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 KeyCite Yellow Flag - Negative Treatment  
Proposed Legislation

[Arizona Revised Statutes Annotated](#)

[Title 16. Elections and Electors \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

[Chapter 7. Penal Provisions \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

[Article 1. General Provisions \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

A.R.S. § 16-1019

§ 16-1019. Political signs; printed materials; tampering; classification

Effective: September 13, 2013

[Currentness](#)

**A.** It is a class 2 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly remove, alter, deface or cover any political sign of any candidate for public office or knowingly remove, alter or deface any political mailers, handouts, flyers or other printed materials of a candidate that are delivered by hand to a residence for the period commencing forty-five days before a primary election and ending seven days after the general election.

**B.** This section does not apply to the removal, alteration, defacing or covering of a political sign or other printed materials by the candidate or the authorized agent of the candidate in support of whose election the sign or materials were placed, by the owner or authorized agent of the owner of private property on which such signs or printed materials are placed with or without permission of the owner or placed in violation of state law or county, city or town ordinance or regulation.

**C.** Notwithstanding any other statute, ordinance or regulation, a city, town or county of this state shall not remove, alter, deface or cover any political sign if the following conditions are met:

1. The sign is placed in a public right-of-way that is owned or controlled by that jurisdiction.
2. The sign supports or opposes a candidate for public office or it supports or opposes a ballot measure.
3. The sign is not placed in a location that is hazardous to public safety, obstructs clear vision in the area or interferes with the requirements of the Americans with disabilities act (42 United States Code sections 12101 through 12213 and 47 United States Code sections 225 and 611).
4. The sign has a maximum area of sixteen square feet, if the sign is located in an area zoned for residential use, or a maximum area of thirty-two square feet if the sign is located in any other area.

5. The sign contains the name and telephone number or website address of the candidate or campaign committee contact person.

**D.** If the city, town or county deems that the placement of a political sign constitutes an emergency, the jurisdiction may immediately relocate the sign. The jurisdiction shall notify the candidate or campaign committee that placed the sign within twenty-four hours after the relocation. If a sign is placed in violation of subsection C and the placement is not deemed to constitute an emergency, the city, town or county may notify the candidate or campaign committee that placed the sign of the violation. If the sign remains in violation at least twenty-four hours after the jurisdiction notified the candidate or campaign committee, the jurisdiction may remove the sign. The jurisdiction shall contact the candidate or campaign committee contact and shall retain the sign for at least ten business days to allow the candidate or campaign committee to retrieve the sign without penalty.

**E.** A city, town or county employee acting within the scope of the employee's employment is not liable for an injury caused by the failure to remove a sign pursuant to subsection D unless the employee intended to cause injury or was grossly negligent.

**F.** Subsection C does not apply to commercial tourism, commercial resort and hotel sign free zones as those zones are designated by municipalities. The total area of those zones shall not be larger than three square miles, and each zone shall be identified as a specific contiguous area where, by resolution of the municipal governing body, the municipality has determined that based on a predominance of commercial tourism, resort and hotel uses within the zone the placement of political signs within the rights-of-way in the zone will detract from the scenic and aesthetic appeal of the area within the zone and deter its appeal to tourists. Not more than two zones may be identified within a municipality.

**G.** A city, town or county may prohibit the installation of a sign on any structure owned by the jurisdiction.

**H.** Subsection C applies only during the period commencing sixty days before a primary election and ending fifteen days after the general election, except that for a sign for a candidate in a primary election who does not advance to the general election, the period ends fifteen days after the primary election.

**I.** This section does not apply to state highways or routes, or overpasses over those state highways or routes.

#### Credits

Added by Laws 1979, Ch. 209, § 3, eff. Jan. 1, 1980. Amended by [Laws 2011, Ch. 154, § 1](#); [Laws 2011, Ch. 318, § 1](#); [Laws 2013, Ch. 254, § 14](#).

<For disposition of the subject matter or derivation of sections repealed, added, or transferred and renumbered by Laws 1979, Ch. 209, §§ 2 to 5, effective January 1, 1980, see Disposition and Derivation Tables preceding Chapter

1.>

A. R. S. § 16-1019, AZ ST § 16-1019

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