## POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs are governed by A.R.S. § 16-1019. Political signs may be placed in Marana's public right-of-way beginning 71 days prior to the primary election until 15 days after the general election (or, if candidates do not advance to a general election, 15 days after the primary election). As a result:

- No signs may be placed in Marana's public right-of-way prior to May 20, 2024, for the July 30, 2024, Primary Election.
- For candidates not advancing to the November 5, 2024, General Election, signs must be removed by August 14, 2024. For candidates advancing to the General Election, signs must be removed by November 20, 2024.

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.

Signs can be posted in the Town's right of way, but not on Town property.

- <u>Town right-of-way</u>: A strip of land typically occupied or intended to be occupied by a street or road, or for another special use.
- <u>Town property</u>: Property owned by the Town of Marana and used for a government purpose, including, but not limited to, the Marana Municipal Complex, the Marana Operations Center, and police substations.

Signs can only be posted on private property with the permission of the property owner.

Signs must be properly secured <u>in the ground</u>. Signs may not be affixed to guardrails, signal devices, telephone or light poles, or other street signs. Signs may not be placed in areas that would: be hazardous to public safety, obstruct clear vision in the area, or interfere with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Political candidates or committees will be notified and given 24 hours to relocate improperly placed signs before they are removed by Marana Code Enforcement officers, except for signs which impair traffic visibility or create a safety hazard. In such cases, the signs will be removed immediately by the Town and the candidate or campaign committee contact person will be notified within 24 hours.

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.

<u>Please Note</u>: 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 whether a proposed sign placement would be in the Town right-of-way or on Town or other property, please call Code Enforcement at (520) 382-2520. All other election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at (520) 382-1961.

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