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POLITICAL SIGNS

A.R.S. § 33-1808 contains the following requirements pertaining to a planned community's ability to restrict "political signs":

A "political sign" for purposes of the new statute is defined as follows:

A sign that attempts to influence the outcome of an election, including supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer or supporting or opposing the circulation of a petition for a ballot measure, question or proposition or the recall of a public officer.

Under the requirements of the above statute, a planned community [the statute has no applicability to condominiums] shall not prohibit the indoor or outdoor display of a political sign on an association member's property.

Despite the above prohibition, a planned community can prohibit the display of political signs earlier than 45 days before the day of an election and later than 7 days after the election. With the following limitations, it may be able to restrict the number, size, or placement of political signs.

The planned community's restriction cannot be any more restrictive than any applicable city, county, or town ordinance that might exist that regulates the size and number of political signs on residential property. Before taking any action regarding political signs in a planned community, or before adopting a policy regarding political signs, any applicable city, town or county ordinance must be researched and considered when adopting a political sign policy. If there is no city, county or town ordinance that regulates the size and number of political signs, then the association must permit at least one political sign with the maximum dimensions of 24 inches by 24 inches on a member's property.