

EXCERPTS FROM SECTION 25.000 SIGN CODE OF KINGMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

Political and Ideological Signs – Political and ideological signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on primary, general or special election ballots, or ideological issues are permitted in all zoning districts subject to the following regulations:

1. No more than 60-days prior to an election and not more than 15-days following a 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 such signs may be located within City of Kingman public rights-of-way, except in sign-free zones as identified by Council resolution. In all cases such signs cannot be hazardous to public safety, obstruct clear vision in the area or interfere with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 United States Code section 12101 through 47 United States Code section 225 and 611).
2. Political signs placed in the City of Kingman's public rights-of-way cannot exceed an area of sixteen (16) square feet, if the sign is located in an area zoned for residential use, or a maximum area of thirty-two (32) square feet if the sign is located in any other area. Such signs shall not exceed three (3) feet above grade regardless of location.
3. Political signs placed in the City of Kingman public rights-of-way shall contain the name and telephone number of the candidate or campaign committee contact person.
4. If the City of Kingman deems that the placement of a political sign in its public right-of-way constitutes an emergency, the City may immediately relocate the sign. In such case, the City shall notify the candidate or campaign committee that placed the sign within 24-hours after the relocation.
5. If a sign is placed in violation of subsections 1, 2, and/or 3, and the placement is not deemed to constitute an emergency, the City may notify the candidate or campaign committee that placed the sign of the violation. If the sign remains in violation at least 24-hours after the City notified the candidate or campaign committee, the City may remove the sign. The City shall contact the candidate or campaign committee contact and shall retain the sign for at least 10-business days to allow the candidate or campaign committee to retrieve the sign without penalty.
6. No political or ideological sign may be installed on any sign or structure owned by the City of Kingman.
7. Subsections 1 through 6 of this section does not apply to state highways or routes, or overpasses over those state highways or routes.
8. Political and ideological signs may be located on private property with the owner's permission. Property owners may remove any political or ideological sign on his or her property at any time.
9. Political and ideological signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) days following the primary or special election, except the successful candidates may leave them in their present location until (15) days after the general election, at which time the signs shall be removed.
10. The person, political party, or parties responsible for the erection or distribution of any such signs shall be jointly and individually liable for their removal.
11. Political and ideological signs on private property shall not exceed six (6) square feet in non-commercial zoning districts; and cannot exceed fifty (50) square feet in all other districts.
12. Such freestanding signs shall not exceed three (3) feet in height in non-commercial zoning districts; and shall not exceed the maximum freestanding sign height in all other zoning districts.

13. Sign permits are not required, nor do political signs count against a property's otherwise allowable signage area. A person, persons, or organizations planning to erect political or ideological signs greater than six (6) square feet shall submit to the City Clerk's office the name and contact information of the person responsible for the proper erection, maintenance, and removal of the signs.
14. Due to the weathering and degradability of the material of temporary political or ideological signs, no individual sign shall remain in place longer than one hundred and twenty (120) days. This restriction does not apply to political or ideological messages located on permanent sign structures permitted through the non-political and ideological provisions of these sign regulations.
15. Any signs which are deemed to be unsafe, defective or which create an immediate hazard to persons or property or are not in compliance with the provisions of this section shall be declared to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to immediate removal by the city.
16. Any such signs removed by the city shall be held by the city no less than ten (10) days. The city shall make attempt to contact the responsible person for the sign to advise that person of the removal. The responsible person may pick up their signs from the city after ten (10) business days, the city may destroy the signs in their possession.
17. All candidates, groups, or committees must comply with Arizona revised statutes and federal law regarding political or campaign signs and reporting requirements.