

City of Tempe Sign Information for Candidates

The City of Tempe's sign regulations are designed to encourage the creation of an attractive appearance throughout Tempe, while eliminating signs that may contribute to visual clutter. The regulations balance the need to protect the public safety and welfare, the need for a well-maintained and attractive community, the need for adequate identification for land uses, and preservation of expression protected under the First Amendment. Tempe Ordinance No. O2016.64.

The following information was developed for candidates and campaign committees. So long as state law requirements are met, no enforcement action will be taken on signs in the rights of way or signs on commercial properties placed with the permission of the property owner, beginning seventy-five (75) days prior to an election date and until fifteen (15) days following an election date. During this time, safety conditions, size restrictions, compliance with the Americans for Disabilities Act, and the provision of contact information for candidate or campaign committee contact persons must be met. For specific guidance, please refer to Arizona Revised Statutes 16-1019, printed on the back of this handout.

For further information regarding signs or to file a sign complaint, please contact City of Tempe Code Compliance at (480) 350-4311.

Signs shall **NOT** be:

- Mounted on a building roof
- Mounted, attached, or painted on trailers, boats or vehicles that are parked immediately adjacent to a street frontage
- Mounted on, or applied to trees, utility poles, or rocks
- Placed on or mounted to city owned property
- Hazardous to public safety
- Placed obstructing clear vision in the area
- An interference with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

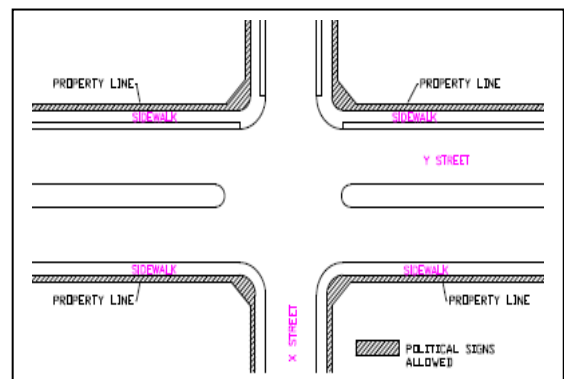
Sign requirements:

- Signs must contain the name and telephone number of the candidate or campaign committee contact person.
- Signs may only be placed 75 days prior to the election and must be removed within 15 days after the election. *Exception: for a candidate in the primary election that advances to the general election, the sign may remain in place during both elections, but must be removed within 15 days after the general election.*
- Signs totaling 16 sq. ft. are allowed on single family residential properties; however, for homes located on non-arterial streets, such signs may not exceed four (4) sq. ft. in area.
- Permits are not required.

City of Tempe right-of-way:

- Signs are allowed within the City of Tempe right-of-way between the outer edge of the sidewalk and the property line.
- Due to the potential of public safety hazards and visual obstructions, and to meet ADA requirements, signs are not allowed on City right-of-way between the outer edge of the sidewalk on one side of the street and the outer edge of the sidewalk on the other side of that street, including all parkways and medians in between.

For Example:





Know what's below.
Call 811 or click Arizona811.com
before you dig.

REMINDER: DIG/INSTALL SAFELY!

Planning to dig for any reason or install anything into the ground using tools?

Arizona 811 (formerly Arizona Blue Stake) cares about your safety and reminds you to “know what’s below” before doing any type of digging or installing anything into the ground using tools. Knowing the location of buried gas & water pipes, high-voltage electric wires, and high-speed fiber & other telecommunications cables, then carefully working around them, helps protect you or your volunteers/supporters from serious injuries and prevents damage to the critical utilities we all rely on every day.

Why is it important to contact Arizona 811 before you dig? For decades, utility providers installed thousands of miles of underground pipelines, wires, cables, and other equipment across Arizona. Today, that complex utility network is buried beneath homes and schools, businesses and roadways, parks, open spaces, forests and farms. These utilities are key parts of the critical infrastructure that enables Arizona’s economy and quality of life to thrive. Keeping these utilities from being inadvertently damaged is a role in which everyone can participate.

For your safety, the Arizona Underground Facilities Law requires underground utilities to be located and marked before any type of “excavation” or “digging”, which includes installing anything into the ground using tools.

Get prepared in advance by identifying a list of locations where you are planning to do any digging or installations, then follow this **FREE** process. It’s as **EASY** as **1, 2, 3:**

- 1.** Contact Arizona 811 not less than 2 working days before you plan to start working. You can:
 - ✓ Call the simple three-digit number, **811**, from anywhere in Arizona; or
 - ✓ Submit requests for markings online by clicking Arizona811.com and signing up for E-Stake.
- 2.** The facility owners will respond in 2 working days by marking the location of their underground utilities or by informing you they have nothing in the area.
- 3.** Dig or install items at least 24 inches from any mark. If you will be closer than 24 inches, only use hand tools to carefully identify the location of utilities before commencing with your digging or installations.

If you have any questions at all, call us at 811! We are always here to help you!

-  **To learn more about the process, go to Arizona811.com or email Customer.Support@Arizona811.com.**
-  **To learn more about the Arizona Underground Facilities Law, including the process of enforcing its requirements, call the Arizona Corporation Commission’s Safety Division by phone at 602-262-5601 or email them at safety@azcc.gov.**

ARIZONA BLUE STAKE IS NOW ARIZONA 811 | KNOW WHAT’S BELOW | CALL 811 OR CLICK ARIZONA811.COM BEFORE YOU DIG!