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With election day behind us, it is helpful to review the laws governing the removal of political signs. Under A.R.S. § 16-1019, it is a misdemeanor to remove a political sign before seven days following the general election unless the remover is an authorized agent of the candidate or the owner or authorized owner of the private property on which signs are placed.

This raises the question of when an association may require a member to remove a political sign from the member's property. For planned communities, Arizona law states that an association may not require a member to remove a political sign until seven days after an election. Thus, a planned community association may not adopt any rule requiring the removal of political signs before seven days after an election.

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