



Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

At a recent City Council Workshop there was extensive discussion about the number of political signs that populate our city's rights-of-way around election time. I am sure that you have all noticed these signs and many of you have formed your own opinions.



There has actually been a Glendale zoning ordinance in place for many years that prohibits the placement of these signs in public rights-of-way. However, this ordinance has not always been enforced. Traditionally, our Code Compliance Department has removed signs only when there have been complaints about the signs obstructing visibility at intersections.



In recent years, the state has implemented public funding of candidates resulting in a substantial increase in the number of candidates and, therefore, a substantial increase in the number of political signs. Our Code Compliance Department had four full-time employees who spent two days doing nothing but removing 400 of these leftover signs twelve days after our most recent election.



The discussion at the Council Workshop was geared towards strict enforcement of the existing sign ordinance. A proactive notification process would inform all campaign headquarters that no political signs from the local, state or federal level will be allowed along our city streets. Political signs will still be allowed on private property as long as they adhere to the number and size limitations.



Since our discussion, I have received feedback from a few Glendale citizens and it has been very helpful. I am now asking all of you, as active Glendale citizens, to provide your input on this matter. Please reply to this e-mail and let me know what you think about political signs in the rights-of-way. Your feedback is extremely important and will be much appreciated.



Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.
