

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, AMENDING ARTICLE 16-2 SECTION 16-2-7(B), MEETINGS, AND ARTICLE 22 SECTION 2206(C), POLITICAL SIGNS, OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA ZONING CODE AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATE THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, have reviewed Article 16-2 Section 16-2-7(B) and Article 22 Section 2206(C) of The Zoning Code of the City of Maricopa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa believe, after consultation with its staff, that amending the Maricopa Zoning Code would be in the best interest of the City of Maricopa.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Article 16-2 Section 16-2-7(B) of the City of Maricopa Zoning Code, entitled Meetings, and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

B. The Commission shall meet as needed at such time and place as may be fixed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the chairperson, or by any three members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public, with only such exceptions as may be permitted by state law with respect to executive session, and public input shall be permitted in all public meetings on matters before the Commission. The minutes of the proceedings, showing the vote of each member and records of its examinations and other official actions, shall be kept and filed in the Planning Office and the office of the City Clerk as a public record.

**SECTION 2.** Article 22 Section 2206(C) of the City of Maricopa Zoning Code, entitled Political Signs, and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

C. "Political Signs":

1. Political signs are permitted in all zones.
2. In accordance with A.R.S § 16-1019, political signs shall not be displayed earlier than sixty (60) days prior to an election and shall be removed fifteen (15) calendar days after the specific election to which they refer. (If a candidate is in a

run-off election the sign may remain fifteen (15) calendar days after the completion of the run-off election).

3. In accordance with A.R.S. § 16-1019, political signs shall not be placed in any portion of the sight visibility triangle (see section 2203 for definition of sight visibility triangle) or right of ways (ROW) on state highways or routes, or overpasses over those state highways or routes.
4. In accordance with A.R.S. § 16-1019, the total sign area permitted on any residentially-zoned lot or parcel is a maximum of sixteen (16) square feet.
5. Signs placed on any commercial or industrial property are allowed with the owner's permission. Signs shall not be higher than five (5) feet in height and shall be setback seven (7) feet from the edge of any city street, pavement or sidewalk. In accordance with A.R.S. § 16-1019, the maximum area of any political sign in a non-residential zoned district shall be thirty two (32) square feet.
6. In accordance with A.R.S. § 16-1019, the sign shall contain the name and telephone number of the candidate or campaign committee contact person.
7. In accordance with A.R.S. § 16-1019, the sign shall support or oppose a candidate for public office or support or oppose a ballot measure.
8. In accordance with A.R.S. § 16-1019, signs shall not be placed in a location that is hazardous to public safety, obstructs clear vision in the area or interferes with the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (42 United States Code section 12101 through 12213 and 47 United States Code sections 225 and 611).
9. All other requirements shall adhere to A.R.S. § 16-1019, as may be amended from time to time.

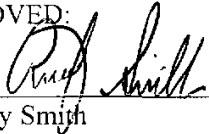
**SECTION 3.** To the extent of any conflict between other City Ordinances and this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be controlling; provided, however, that this Ordinance is not intended to amend or repeal any existing City Ordinance, Resolution or regulation except as expressly set forth herein.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

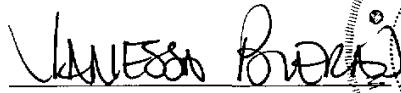
**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption by the City Council for the City of Maricopa.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

APPROVED:

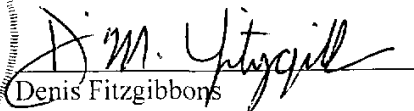
  
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Anthony Smith  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Vanessa Bueras, CMC  
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Denis Fitzgibbons  
City Attorney