

CAMPAIGNING

WHEN & WHERE

Candidate campaigning is allowed during the Primary and General Elections, however no campaigning will be allowed at the polling sites on the day of each Election. Contact the Community Relations Office for information on the Election Day identified campaign area.

PERMISSIBLE CONDUCT

Per Chapter 3, Section 3-147, (1)-(5) the following acts are not considered to be violations of this article:

- Providing transportation to the voting polls for any voter;
- Providing food, campaign literature or items of nominal value at a political rally or gathering on any date preceding election day, so long as the rally is open to the public;
- Providing food, campaign literature or items of nominal value at a designated political campaign demonstration area on the day of an election so long as such food or literature is open to all and is not forced upon or denied to any person;
- Making any campaign promise that does not conflict with section 3-121(d), or violate any law of the Community; or
- Use of Community buildings to hold campaign meetings or rallies, in accordance with tribal building and administrative procedures.

SIGNAGE

Per Chapter 3, Section 3-5, (b)(4)(e) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances, campaign signs put up by a candidate or their supporters must be removed within seven (7) business days after the relevant election, or a \$200 fee will be assessed. The \$200 fee pays for the removal of such signs.

Posting signs on private property requires the permission of the homeowner and/or landowner(s).

BIO & PHOTOS

Candidates are encouraged to submit a bio and photo to the O'odham Action News for Election campaigning. Contact the Community Relations Office at (480) 362-7740 | OAN (480) 362-7750

CAMPAIGNING ON ELECTION DAYS

The Community Relations Office shall identify a campaign area at each polling place; *note*:

- The campaign area is for candidates, or sponsors of an initiative or referendum, to campaign at by providing food, campaign literature or other items to voters and supporters.
- The candidate, or sponsors, may set up a table(s) with chairs, tent(s), and/or a food stand(s) within the identified area.
- The campaign area shall be placed in a manner so as not to impede traffic, create a public safety hazard, jeopardize the integrity of the voting process or block voters from the polling place.

VIOLATION OF ELECTION PROCESS

Per Chapter 3, Sec. 3-148, it is a civil offense for any individual or group of individuals to knowingly attempt to circumvent any Community election or voting rule, requirement, regulation, procedure or law as set forth in the Community Code of Ordinances, regulations and/or election board guidelines or procedures.

VIOLATIONS BY ACTIONS OF CANDIDATES OR ISSUE SUPPORTERS

Per Chapter 3, Sec. 3-149, (a)-(h) violations include:

- Coercion of voter/supporter.
- False statements/misrepresentation.
- Interference with or corruption of election official.
- Bribery of voter.
- Intimidation of Community member employees by employer
- Campaigning in and around the workplace during Community business hours, except for Community schools.
- Use of Community property for election campaigning.
- Campaigning in and around community school buildings and campus.

PENALTIES

Per Sec. 3-152, Civil penalties. Any person who is found guilty of a provision in this article may be fined an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per civil offense.

For information on day-of election campaigning, contact the Community Relations Office at (480) 362-7740.

For Election Information, contact the Council Secretary Office at (480) 362-7466 / (480) 362-7465.