

Did you know: HOA's in Georgia can regulate political signs.

The following link provides information regarding this subject. Can HOAs ban political signs in front yards? | [11alive.com](https://www.11alive.com)

<https://www.11alive.com/article/news/verify/verify-hoa-restrictions-political-campaign-signs-first-amendment/85-f0bf728c-5d36-4e1a-bd8c-6778138098b4>

Did you know: Southfield Plantation Covenants restrict sign size and content.

By purchasing a home in Southfield, the buyer accepts the terms of the covenants. Signs placed on homeowners property in Southfield Plantation are regulated by the covenant applicable to the specific section, specifically each covenant states: "Sign size is restricted to no more than 18" x 24" for advertisement of property and improvements for rent or sale unless approved by the ACC."

Southfield Plantation Covenant Guidelines and Policy

After a review of numerous inquiries/discussions regarding signs from homeowners in 2022 and the impact to the community, the HOA Board created guidelines for application of the sign restriction. The Board researched and adopted a policy first reported in 2023 Newsletter, Volume 1, in response to birthday and graduation events that stated: "Signs for congratulatory and holiday events may be displayed 2 weeks before and up to 2 weeks after the event without board approval. Further guidelines were added regarding signs of other content types with the size requirement remaining constant.

- Signs (fabric, metal, wood, or comparable outdoor material) with slogans (words or image) – display until condition deteriorates and must be more than 5 feet from house.
- Contractor work/construction signs for work accomplished at a Southfield Property - display no earlier than 1 week before work starts until no more than 3 weeks after. Signs for the purpose of contractor general advertisement are not allowed.
- Political signs identifying candidates for annual or special local and state elections - display no earlier than 8 weeks before the election date until no more than 1 weeks after. Signs with negative or abusive language are not allowed.
- Political signs identifying candidates for annual or special federal elections - display no earlier than 6 months before the election date until no more than 2 weeks after. Signs with negative or abusive language are not allowed.
- Official Country and State Flags – display in accordance with legal requirements of the flag, but no more than 3 feet x 5 feet.

Exceptions may be requested by contacting the HOA ACC. <https://www.spthoa.net/architecture>

If you have recommendations for updates to these guidelines, please send to info@spthoa.net.

If a homeowner has specific concern and would like to submit a formal request for covenant enforcement review, please prepare a review request with specific property, covenant concern, and rationale for denying the sign and submit to <https://www.spthoa.net/covenant-enforcement>