

JICA Community News & Info

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2023 Annual Meeting Information

The annual meeting will take place Thursday, November 16th at Oceanview United Methodist Church. A notice of the Annual Meeting & Covenant Amendment is being mailed out to all residents. The proposed amendment and explanation can also be found on the Juno Isles website (junoisles.org) using the link provided below. More information and the ballot for voting will be provided in the coming weeks.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COVENANTS ON SIGNS

When Juno Isles was begun and the covenants were written, people watched the evening news on one of the three broadcast networks. Signs, by which I also include flags, banners and all other forms, weren't all that common in front yards. Displaying signs usually just meant "House for Sale", or occasionally in support of a candidate. Fast forward to today and people are connected 24/7 by all sorts of social media with multiple news channels on cable TV and the internet to choose from. There is no shortage of ways to express yourself on social media. Signs, banners, flags and such are much more common. As times have changed so has the need to address the resulting newer issues. Our homes are places of refuge for us from work, school and all that modern life entails. Juno Isles, as the community where we live, should support this nurturing feeling for us; to be an escape from all the noise that increasingly bombards us in our daily lives.

During this past year a number of residents have brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that there is a need to more specifically address signs that reflect common aspects of our lives and tend to bring the community together

such as “It’s a girl”, “Class of 2022”, etc. and signs that support political candidates or address local, state, or national issues. The single paragraph on signs in our covenants is no longer adequate. It doesn’t distinguish between signs for which there is general agreement and signs that support candidates or causes.

Earlier this month the Board sent out a draft of a proposed amendment to our covenants to address this. It was sent out as an e-mail blast to everyone in the community who has signed up for Juno Isles related e-mails. (If you want to receive these, please send an e-mail to jica@junoisles.org giving your name and address and ask to be added to our list.) I would like to thank everyone who provided comments on the draft. This past Tuesday the Board held a meeting to finalize the proposed amendment based upon the comments received.

Below is the proposed amendment to the covenants on signs. It clarifies the various types of signs, banners, flags, and such that can be displayed and when.

This amendment will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on November 16, 2023. The vote will be YES or NO as it’s now written; we are not allowed to modify it at the meeting. I hope that you will agree that adopting this amendment to our covenants will continue to keep Juno Isles a wonderful place to live.

You will receive a package of materials concerning the Annual Meeting in a few weeks. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Jim Jackson, President, Juno Isles Civic Association

***Additions to the Covenants are underlined
and words ~~hyphenated through~~ are deleted.***

PARAGRAPH XI

Signs

This paragraph applies to all Owners, residents, tenants, and guests within the jurisdiction of the Juno Isles Civic Association.

"Signs" are deemed to include, but are not limited to any form of sign, poster, bill placard, show card, sign board, billboard, sandwich board, marquee, decal, magnetic appliqué, electronic display, display comprised of any material whatsoever, including flags, banners, and advertising devices.

Except for those signs specifically permitted below, no signs ~~or other advertising device~~ of any character shall be erected, posted, pasted, displayed, or permitted upon or about any part of ~~such an individual homeowner's~~ property.

Regardless of the type of sign, each sign must strike a balance between individual expression while taking into consideration the overall effect on neighbor and community harmony and maintain an environment of mutual respect. Signs are encouraged to be current and not left out for extended periods.

The following signs are permitted ~~with the conditions noted~~:

1. One sign of not more than five (5) square feet in area, advertising the property for sale or rent and signs used by a builder to advertise the property during construction and sales period, provided however, that any such builder's sign shall be subject to approval by the Architectural Committee.
2. All flags permitted by Florida Statute §720.304(2)(a) as currently drafted and may be amended from time to time including the United States flag, the official flag of the State of Florida, a flag that represents the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, a POW-MIA flag and a first responder flag.
3. Signs ~~supporting or opposing~~ related to political candidates, referenda, proposals, or amendments in any local, state, or national election, in which the residents of Juno Isles would be eligible to vote, provided they meet the following criteria:
 - A. Political signs can only be displayed forty-five (45) days prior to an election or the political event they represent.
 - B. Political signs must be removed seven (7) days after the election or the political event they represent.
 - C. Political signs must remain respectful.
 - D. Homeowners can post no more than three (3) political signs on their property.
 - E. Political signs must be within the homeowner's property.
 - F. Political signs shall not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in dimensions and flags shall not exceed 4 feet by 6 feet.

~~are posted no earlier than 60 days prior to the election during which the candidates, referenda, proposals or amendments will be voted upon and removed no later than 10 days following said election and that they are not so numerous in number or placed in locations so as to create impediments to pedestrian or vehicular traffic or create any other public safety hazard.~~
4. Signs relative to local, state, and national issues must comply with the conditions of 3.A. through 3.E. above.

5. Signs announcing U.S. Federal Observances, international flags, charitable causes, seasonal greetings, holidays, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, births of children, and other such personal milestones.
6. Signs promoting colleges, schools, universities, academies, and sports teams.
7. Signs advising that a lawn has been treated chemically or a home is being treated for termites.
8. Signs advising and requesting that pet owners pick up/clean up after their pets.
9. Signs concerning "life safety issues" (e.g., "Pet in Home"), "security notices" (e.g., "Beware of Dog" or "Home Secured by Alarm Company") or "Personal Health Issues/Conditions" (e.g., "Oxygen in Use").
10. Signs announcing Community Events (e.g., Yard Sale, Garage Sale, or Estate Sale).
11. Nothing herein shall preclude signs displaying individual house numbers; instructional signs (e.g., "Keep Off the Grass"); informational signs (e.g., "Dog Lost"); safety signs (e.g., "Children at Play").
12. Nothing herein shall preclude signs placed by governmental entities, utilities, or their contractors (e.g., caution signs, detour signs, utility line markers, wildlife crossings, bridge weight limits).
13. Signs must not create visual obstructions and other safety hazards to either pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
14. Signs shall not be placed or posted on or in any location not owned by the homeowner including swales and utility poles.
15. No signs, even of the type permitted herein, shall be allowed if they contain:
 - a. Offensive, derogatory, illegal, or discriminatory language or images.
 - b. Promote violence, hatred, or any form of harm to individuals or groups.
 - c. Violate any federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances, or
 - d. Disrupt the community's peaceful and harmonious atmosphere foul or offensive language or images or in any other way violate community standards of decency.
16. The Board of Directors may issue notices to residents in violation of this paragraph and residents will be given a reasonable time to remedy violations.
17. Residents may submit a written appeal concerning a notice of violation regarding their sign or flag to the Association Board of Directors within ten (10) days of receiving notice of a violation. The Board will review the appeal and render a final decision in accordance with the governing documents of the Association.
18. The Board of Directors will periodically review and amend this policy as necessary to ensure it remains relevant and effective upon the requisite vote of the Owners.

Save the Date!

This year's Juno Isles holiday picnic will be held on **Saturday, December 2nd** at Carlin Park. The event will be

Open Board Seats

We will have at least one open board seat for the upcoming term. If you think you might be a good candidate for our all-volunteer board and want

catered and offer fun for all ages!
Stay tuned for more details!

to know more about what your
service might entail, please contact
us as soon as possible at
board@junoisles.org.

Next Board Meeting

The next monthly board meeting will be **Thursday, October 5th at 7pm** at
Oceanview United Methodist Church.



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