

What is Election Signage?

Election signs are temporary, freestanding advertising devices that:

- identify candidates or promote a political party at local, state or federal government elections or;
- relate to a referendum administered by the state or federal electoral commission.

Election Signage Permission Requirements

- In general, permission is not necessary for placement of an election sign within a Council controlled road reserve, however adherence to the conditions detailed in this fact sheet is required.
- For placement on private property, the land owner's or occupier's consent is required.
- For placement on a State controlled road, please review the Department of Transport and Main Roads' requirements.
- The electoral candidate or sign owner accepts liability for any claims arising from the placement of election signs.

Election Signage Must

Display Period

- Not be erected or displayed until the election has been officially announced.
- Be removed within seven days of the election polling day.

What rules apply?

- All traffic rules;
- All regulated parking rules;
- Planning conditions for building signage; and
- Local Laws

Construction

The sign must:

- be no larger than 0.6m²;
- be easily broken;
- have a timber stake or frame that is easily broken with a maximum cross-section measurement of 55mm x 25mm;
- be securely attached;
- not rotate, be illuminated, or contain moving images;
- not use reflective or fluorescent materials; and
- not resemble a traffic control device.

Location

The sign must:

- be freestanding;
- be located next to, and parallel to, the property alignment;
- be located at least 3.5m from the edge of the nearest traffic lane on roads where the speed limit is 80km/h or less;
- be located at least 6m from the edge of the nearest traffic lane on roads where the speed limit is more than 80km/h;
- not distract motorists, restrict sight distances on intersection approaches, obscure road traffic signs or otherwise affect safety;
- not be located on traffic islands, centre medians or roundabouts;
- not be attached to trailers or vehicles parked for the purpose of displaying election signs; and
- not be located on a motorway, freeway or similar road.

Placement

The sign must:

- be located as close as possible to the property boundary;
- not be attached to trees, vegetation, or structures such as road signs, guardrails, light or power poles;
- not hold up the flow of traffic, hang over the road or interfere with the road's operation (including a person holding or waving an election sign);
- not obstruct pedestrians and cyclists; and
- not proliferate along a property boundary.

Prohibited Signage

- Signs attached to traffic or park signs;
- Signs attached to playgrounds, playground and park fences, picnic or recreational facilities;
- Signs attached to trees on footpaths, road reserve areas or in parks;
- Signs attached to Livingstone Shire Council community banner poles;
- Signs that obstruct the view or flow of pedestrians;
- Signs that obstruct the view or flow of traffic e.g. near or on a roundabout; and
- Signs placed within 50 metres of an intersection controlled by traffic lights.

Prohibited Signage Areas

- Parks, playgrounds, and reserves (including coastal foreshores); and

- Placed in and or attached to Council buildings, structures, or precincts.

Signage Removal

Signs placed with prohibited areas or areas deemed to be a risk to the public and/or vehicular traffic will be removed.

Any election signage with offensive imagery or inappropriate graffiti may be removed by Council.

Should Council engage to remove signage, the Candidate may incur costs associated with the removal and disposal of any sign.

Disclaimer

Candidates should note that council is not responsible for the regulation of the printed content and format of any electoral signs. All candidates are encouraged to contact the election Returning Officer of the relevant electoral authority prior to the production of any electoral signage to ensure that compliance with the appropriate electoral advertising regulation and standards are met - www.ecq.qld.gov.au/

