

## City of Edmonton Election Sign Guidelines

Election signs are a fundamental part of the democratic process, and can be placed on City of Edmonton property in compliance with these guidelines. Election signs that do not comply with these guidelines may be removed by the City without notice.

### *What is an Election Sign?*

An election sign is a temporary sign that promotes a particular candidate, campaign issue, or response to a vote on a question for any election, including federal, provincial, municipal, and school board general elections and by-elections.

### *Can I place an election sign on City property? On private property?*

Election signs that fully comply with these guidelines may be placed on City property. Election signs may only be placed on private property after obtaining permission from the property owner.

### *When can election signs be placed?*

Election signs on private property may only be placed with permission of the property owner. The property owner will advise when the sign is permitted.

For election signs on City property:

- municipal and school board general election signs are permitted from Labour Day until three days after election day
- municipal and school board by-election signs are permitted from two weeks prior to nomination day until three days after election day
- provincial and federal election signs are permitted from the date the election is called until three days after election day

### *Where can signs be placed on City property?*

Election signs are not permitted in City parks, green spaces, or school sites, including any road right of way adjacent to these areas.

Election signs are also not permitted on highway structures, such as traffic control devices, guardrails, bridges, retaining walls, or concrete barriers, or along any of the following highways:

- Anthony Henday Drive
- Whitemud Drive
- Yellowhead Trail
- Sherwood Park Freeway
- Wayne Gretzky Drive
- St. Albert Trail/Mark Messier Trail
- Groat Road
- Terwillegar Drive

- 91 Street between Ellerslie Road and Whitemud Drive
- 137 Avenue between St. Albert Trail and 97 Street
- 112 Avenue between 73 Street and 78 Street

Elections signs are permitted on grassed boulevards as long as they comply with the following:

- signs may not be placed in vehicle travel lanes, including paved shoulders, or on centre medians, traffic islands, or in the centre grass area of traffic circles
- signs may not exceed a maximum size of 0.6 metres wide by 1.0 metres high
- signs must be mounted on a frame and securely staked into the ground
- signs promoting the same candidate, issue, or question must be at least 20 metres apart
- signs cannot interfere with the safe and orderly movement of pedestrians, or sightlines between pedestrians and vehicles
- signs must be at least 30 metres away from signalized intersections, 15 metres away from non-signalized intersections, and 10 metres away from private driveways
- signs must be at least 3 metres away from the curb face of a roadway
- signs cannot be placed on snow windrows
- signs cannot obscure a traffic control device, or be designed to mimic a traffic control device
- signs must be at least 100 metres away from any temporary condition signage (e.g. barricades or other orange background signs used during construction) and cannot be placed within construction zones
- digital signs are not permitted

#### *Do I need a permit?*

As long as your election signs comply with these guidelines, your election signs will be deemed to have any permits required under the Traffic Bylaw or Parkland Bylaw.

Before installing any stakes or undertaking any ground disturbance to place your election sign, you must contact Alberta One-Call (1-800-242-3447) and Shaw Cable (1-866-344-7429) two weeks in advance to have the utilities located.

All candidates must [register and provide contact information](#) prior to placing election signs.

**Any election signs that do not comply with these guidelines may be removed without notice. If you have any questions, or to report election signs that do not comply with these guidelines, please contact 311.**