

Election Signs

Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2014

What is an election sign?

An election sign is a temporary sign which encourages persons to vote for a candidate, political party, referenda or matter relating to any federal, state or local government election.

Do I need approval to install an election sign on local government property?

Yes. Application forms are available by contacting the City on **1300 655 860** or by visiting the City's Customer Service Centre located at the City of Joondalup Administration Building, 90 Boas Avenue, Joondalup.

Alternatively applications can be made using the electronic application form 'Election Sign Application' on the City's website.

A non-refundable fee of \$30.00 per event must be paid for each application submitted.

What information do I need to provide?

- The name, address, and contact number of the person responsible and authorised by for making the application and erecting the signs subject of the permit.
- The date of the election or referenda in which the sign relates.
- The number (up to a maximum of 15 signs) and proposed location of signs.
- Details of the message to be displayed on the signs.
- Payment of the fee(s) appropriate for the signs.
- Any other information that may be required by the City at the time the permit application is submitted or at a subsequent time.

Any persons or candidates that do not receive approval from the City and proceed to erect signs will have their signs removed and an infringement notice may be issued.

How many signs can I place?

Once approved, you are permitted to place up to 15 signs on the road verge.

When can I place and remove the signs?

You are permitted to place the signs no more than 37 days prior to the federal, state or local government election to which the sign relates. Signs must be removed within seven days after the election to which the sign relates.

Where can election signs be placed?

Once approval is received the signs can be placed in the road reserve.

The following conditions must be followed:

- Signs cannot be erected on, or in front of, private property unless the approval of the owner of the property is obtained prior to the erection of the sign.
- The person shall not erect or maintain a sign so as to obstruct the view from a street or public place of traffic on a street or public place.
- They are not erected within 50 metres of any thoroughfare, intersection or junction and are at least two metres from the kerb line, or outer edge of the road shoulder on un-kerbed sections of the road.
- They are not located within a traffic island or the median.
- They are freestanding and therefore, not attached to any structure, post or tree. A-frame signs are not permitted.
- Please note that the erection of signs within a road reserve may result in you being liable in respect of any claims arising from the action.

Election signs or posters may be erected at the place of an election rally, meeting or polling place as approved by the Returning Officer for the election.

Do I need approval to install an election sign on private property?

An election sign may be erected on private property, with the approval of the owner prior to the erection of the sign.

An election sign, no larger than 0.75 square metres in area per property, may be erected on private property with the exemption of a corner property which may display one sign facing each thoroughfare of the corner.

Do any other conditions apply?

Election signs require certain information to be displayed on the sign such as the name and address (not being a post office box) of the person who authorised the election sign, and the name and business address of the printer of the signs. Applicants must refer to the specific authorisation requirements that apply to their particular election, if any.

The City's *Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2014* details all requirements and conditions, however, in addition to the conditions to placement of signs, there are other requirements that apply, such as:

- A temporary sign cannot exceed 0.75 square metres in area
- All lettering and numbering on signs must be a minimum height of 50mm and a maximum height of 100mm.
- An approved Temporary Advertising Sign sticker, as supplied by the City, is to be affixed to the top right-hand corner of each sign.

Applications are on a 'per event' basis. Each event is to be provided as a separate application with a non-refundable fee of \$30.00 per application.

Further information

Please note: the information and requirements listed within this fact sheet are neither complete nor exhaustive, however, are provided on the basis for ease of reference. Please refer to the *Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2014* via the City's website for further details.

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