

## Election Signs on City Road Right-of-Way

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FREE STANDING  
 ELECTION SIGNS ON CITY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (Municipal and Federal Elections)**

Pursuant to the City of Edmonton's *Public Spaces Bylaw 20700* ("the Bylaw"), Section 65(2) a candidate, third party or registered third party may place a sign on a highway as long as placement complies with election sign guidelines issued by the City Manager. As defined in *Public Spaces Bylaw 20700* "highway" has the same meaning as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, c T-6(p)*, a highway means any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway or other place, whether publicly or privately owned, any part of which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles, and includes:

- I. a sidewalk, including a boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk;
- II. if a ditch lies adjacent to and parallel with the roadway, the ditch; and
- III. if a highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the roadway, all the land between the fences, or all the land between the fence and the edge of the roadway, as the case may be,

but does not include a place declared by regulation not to be a highway.

Pursuant to Section 66 of the Bylaw a person must not place a sign in a park, transit vehicle, or transit station.

These terms and conditions apply to the placement of municipal and federal election signs on road right-of-way. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in removal of the sign(s) in addition to fines, pursuant to the Public Spaces Bylaw.

For requirements regarding the placement of signs on land for which a Certificate of Title is registered, consult with the property owner and the City's Zoning Bylaw.

**Election Sign Placement Durations**

Federal Elections	Signs are only permitted from the date the election is called until three (3) days after the election.
Municipal Elections	Signs are only permitted from the Monday following Labour Day until three (3) days after the election.
Municipal By-elections	Signs are only permitted from two (2) weeks prior to nomination day until three (3) days after the election.

Prior to installing a sign, the installer is solely responsible for contacting Utility Safety Partners (1-800-242-3447).

For further information, contact the City at 311 or [RegulatedRoadUse@edmonton.ca](mailto:RegulatedRoadUse@edmonton.ca).

**Election Sign Requirements on Highway**

A person must not place a sign on a highway unless the sign is:

- (a) less than 0.6 square metres in total size;
- (b) at least 15 metres away from an intersection;
- (c) at least 30 metres away from a transit station;
- (d) at least 20 metres away from another sign posted by the same person or depicting the same person or topic; Bylaw 20700 - Page 21
- (e) at least 5 metres away from a fire hydrant;
- (f) at least 10 metres away from a crosswalk;
- (g) at least 2 metres from the curb or edge of, and not within, a roadway;
- (h) not placed on a median or traffic island;
- (i) not permanently affixed;
- (j) not higher than 1 metre when measured from the surface to the top of the sign;
- (k) not electrified or inflatable; and
- (l) not damaged, derelict, or unsightly.

Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), a person must not place a sign that

- (a) resembles, confuses the meaning of, or obstructs a traffic control device;
- (b) creates a hazard for pedestrians or any public space user; or
- (c) results in ground disturbance or other damage to the public space.



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