



ELECTION SIGNS

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What is an election sign?

An election sign is a sign or poster that is –

- visible from a road or other public place; and
- able, or is intended, to –
 - influence a person about voting at any government election; or
 - affect the result of any government election.

Who regulates election signs?

Council regulates election signs that have been installed on private property and council controlled areas or roads.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads regulates election signs that have been installed on state controlled roads.

Can election signs be installed without a permit?

Election signs are deemed to be permitted signs when they comply with the criteria outlined in Schedule 3, section 39 of Council's *Subordinate Local Law No. 1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices) 2011*. Permitted signs do not require a permit.

If the election sign is not a permitted sign, it would require a permit from Council.

Criteria for election signs

For an election sign to be a permitted sign, the following criteria must be met:

- The sign must be non-rotating; and
- The sign must be constructed from a light frangible material and have a size less than 0.6m²; and

- The sign must not be illuminated, or incorporate any reflective or fluorescent material; and
- The sign must be installed only after the official announcement of the government election in respect of which the election sign is able, or is intended, to –
 - influence a person about voting at the government election; or
 - affect the result of the government election; and
- The sign must be removed within 7 days after the election polling day for the government election; and
- The sign must only be installed, erected or displayed by a person who accepts liability for any claims arising from the installation, erection or display of the election sign; and
- The sign must not be installed in the clear zone for a road unless the structure (which performs the sole purpose of supporting the election sign) is frangible, and the election sign is made of a light board, for example, corflute; and
- If the election sign is installed on a road, the sign must –
 - be installed next to the property alignment which abuts the road; and
 - be installed so that no portion of the election sign projects over the carriageway or any other surface used by a motor vehicle; and
 - not be installed so as to cause a safety hazard or obstruction to any traffic, for example, pedestrian traffic and cyclists; and
- Not cause, or contribute to, driver distraction; and



- Not be installed at a place which –
 - restricts the sight distances on any approach to an intersection; or
 - restricts the visibility of authorised signs, for example, signs installed in accordance with the requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and
- If the election sign is installed on a road where the speed limit is 80km/h or less – not be installed closer to the road edge than 3.5m; and
- If the election sign is installed on a road where the speed limit is greater than 80km/h – not be installed closer to the road edge than 6m; and
- Not be fastened to a tree or any road infrastructure which is installed by, or with the approval of, the local government or a government entity.
- Must not be installed in a local government controlled area as defined by *Local Law No. 1 Administration 2011*.

All permitted signs must also comply with the general criteria for installation, erection and display of advertising devices outlined in Schedule 4 of the relevant Subordinate Local Law.

How to apply for a permit?

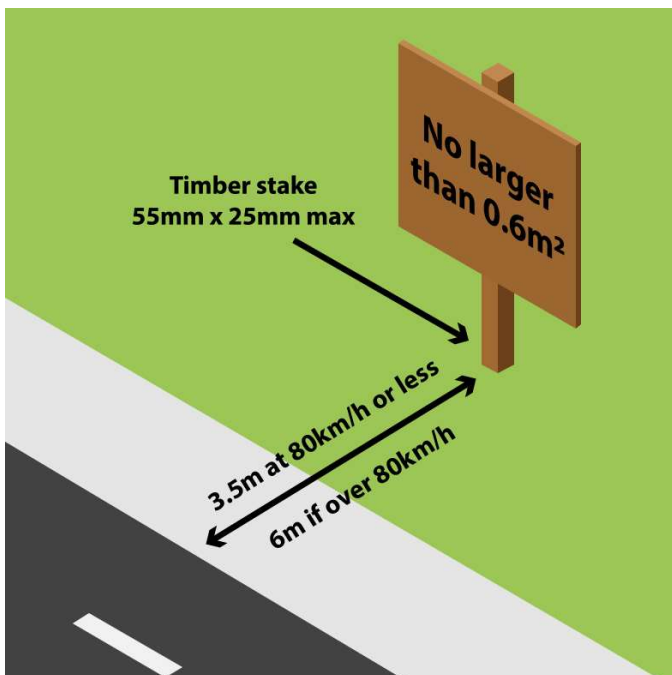
If the election sign does not meet the prescribed criteria and requires a permit, you will need to submit an Application for Installation of Advertising Devices form and provide all additional supporting documentation as required on the form. An application fee is also payable on submission of the application.

Need further information?

For further information regarding the placement of election signs on private property or council controlled roads, please contact council on (07) 5424 4000.

For more information regarding election signs on state controlled roads, visit the department's website www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/signs/election-signs.

General information regarding election signage is also provided by the Electoral Commission Queensland at www.ecq.qld.gov.au/.



Election sign size and placement
(Source: Department of Transport and Main Roads)