

Information to Candidates / Third Parties

This information sheet has been prepared by the Municipal Elections Office for information purposes only. It is not an official version of the Election Sign By-law 011-2018, as amended. Please refer to the by-law for specific wording.

Who is responsible for an election sign? (s. 8.4)

The registered third parties or candidates are responsible for their own signs and shall ensure that all the requirements of the by-law are met.

Who can erect an election sign? (s. 3.2)

To erect an election sign, you must:

- a. Be registered as a candidate or third party with the Town of Milton
- b. Pay the election sign fee of:
 - i. \$300 for Mayor, Regional Chair, Provincial and Federal candidates or third parties
 - ii. \$150 for all other offices including school trustee candidates or third parties

Is there an election sign fee? (s. 3.2)

Yes, there is an election sign fee. It is as follows:

- a. \$300 for Mayor, Regional Chair, Provincial and Federal candidates or third parties
- b. \$150 for all other offices including school trustee candidates or third parties

Is the election sign fee refundable? (s.3.2.1) (s. 6.4)

Yes, election sign fees are refundable for Municipal, Provincial and Federal candidates only if the candidate:

- a. Removes their signs within 72 hours; and
- b. Has no outstanding fines resulting from violations from the Election Sign By-law

Are third party sign fees refundable? (s. 3.2.1)

No, third party sign fees are not refundable.

Are there any restrictions on election signs? (s. 3.3) (s. 4.2)

Yes there are restrictions. Not including billboard signs and signs on vehicles, no election sign shall:

- a. Be illuminated
- b. Have a sign area greater than 3 square metres (32 square feet)
- c. Have a sign height greater than 2.13 metres (7 feet)

No election sign may interfere with the safe movement of any vehicle or pedestrian traffic or placed where it is a general hazard to public safety.

Instructions to the Candidate

When can I post an election sign? (s. 6.1) (s. 6.2)

Municipal election signs (this includes third party signs) cannot be posted before September 11, 2026 (45 days prior to voting day). In addition, you must be a registered candidate or third party prior to placing an election sign.

Provincial and Federal candidate election signs cannot be posted earlier than the day the writ of election is issued.

What about election signs on campaign offices? (s. 6.3) (s. 7.9)

Election signs may be posted on a candidate's campaign office once the candidate has filed their nomination paper with the Town Clerk (earliest date – May 1, 2026). Campaign offices do not have to be located within the ward the candidate is running in.

When do I have to remove my election sign? (s. 6.4)

All election signs must be removed by October 29, 2026.

Where can I place my election signs? (s. 7.1) (s. 7.2) (s. 7.9)

Election signs are not allowed within the Regional Right of Way, on public property; in a park; on a median or island; less than 3 metres from a school crossing; on a trailer; on a utility pole, on a tree, fence or gate located on public property.

Election signs that block sightlines or obstruct any traffic control device or signal will be removed.

With the exception of a campaign office, election signs must be placed within the ward(s) you are running in.

Election signs from the same candidate in the urban area cannot be within 10 metres of any other election sign of the same candidate (50 metres outside the urban area). Visit www.milton.ca/election to see a map of the urban area.

What roads are election signs allowed on? (Halton Region By-law 36-01 s. 3.1) (s. 7.2)

Election signs are **not** allowed within the Right-of-Way of any Regional Road.

Election signs are allowed on minor arterial, multi-purpose arterial and collector roads only.

Individual ward maps are available on the Town's election webpage at www.milton.ca/election indicating the roads that election signs are allowed on.

Instructions to the Candidate**Can I place an election sign on the boulevard in front of a residence? (s. 7.3)**

Yes, although election signs are not allowed on a boulevard in front of a detached or semi-detached dwelling except where the occupant of the dwelling has agreed to the location. If a residence fronts onto a Regional Road, election signs cannot be located on the boulevard on a Regional Rd Right of Way.

Can I place an election sign on a front lawn? (s. 4)

Yes, elections signs can be placed on a lawn with the owner's permission.

Can I place an election sign at a voting location? (s. 7.6)

No. Election signs are not permitted on any premises used as a voting location. The entire property, including the road allowance abutting it, is considered to be a voting location.

Can I place an election sign on a motor vehicle or a trailer? (s. 7.2) (s. 7.7) (s. 7.8)

Election signs may be affixed to a motor vehicle, if it has a valid Ontario license plate affixed to it; and it isn't parked at a voting place on any day when electors are voting.

Election signs are not allowed on a trailer.

Can I use the Town's logo or other wordmarks? (s. 7.10)

No. You may not use the Town's logo or municipal election wordmark in whole or in part on any election sign or material.

Will the Town contact me prior to the removal of my election sign? (s. 8.1) (s. 8.2) (s. 8.3)

No. There will not be any prior notice given for any illegal sign removed by the Town. Furthermore, candidates whose signs have been removed will not be notified that their election sign has been removed, and they will not be given the opportunity to retrieve it.

All illegal election signs that are removed by the Town will be destroyed without notice or compensation to any party. Furthermore, the candidate may be charged for the illegal sign.

My sign has been removed by the Town. Am I (the candidate) liable to a charge? (s. 8.2)

Yes, you may be charged \$87 for each illegal sign removed by the Town. Extreme violations or repeat offenders may be charged \$300 per sign.