

Information to Registered Candidates / Third Parties

The Municipal Elections Office has prepared this information sheet for the 2019 Federal General Election 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 can erect an election sign? (s. 3.2)

To erect an election sign, you must:

- a. Be registered with Elections Canada as one of the following: a candidate; or a third party
- b. Pay the election sign fee of \$300 for Federal candidates or third parties

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

Yes, there is an election sign fee of \$300 for Federal candidates or third parties

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

Yes, election sign fees are refundable for candidates only if the candidate:

- a. Removes their signs within 72 hours (October 24, 2019); 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.

Are Billboards considered an Election Sign? (s. 6.1)

Yes, Billboards or other types of electronic signs are considered an election sign, when used for election purposes and cannot be used earlier than the day the writ of election is issued.

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

Federal election signs (this includes third party signs) cannot be posted earlier than the day the writ of election is issued.

In addition, you must be registered with Elections Canada as either a candidate or a third party prior to placing an election sign.

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

Election signs may be posted on a registered candidate's campaign office.

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

All election signs must be removed 72 hours immediately following the election (October 24, 2019).

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

Election signs are not allowed within a Right of Way, on Regional Roads, 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.

Federal electoral boundaries may overlap municipalities. Candidates and third parties should inform themselves about municipal boundaries and by-laws that may apply.

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.MiltonVotes.ca to see a map of the urban area.

On what roads are election signs allowed? (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.

Town of Milton ward maps, prepared for the 2018 Municipal Election in October 2018, are available on the Town's election webpage at www.MiltonVotes.ca. These maps have been provided as a reference to identify Town and Regional roads.

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 Road 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.

Instructions to the Candidate**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 or third parties 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 or third party 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 \$79 for each illegal sign removed by the Town. Extreme violations or repeat offenders may be charged under the Provincial Offences Act.

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

Any third party or candidate registered with Elections Canada are responsible for their own signs and shall ensure that they are compliant with the requirements of the appropriate by-laws are met.