

Frequently Asked Questions

I have questions about the Election Sign By-law, who do I call?

All questions about the Election Sign By-law should be directed to Municipal Law Enforcement.

When can I start putting up my Election Signs and when do I have to take them down?

For federal or provincial elections, Election Signs shall not be erected or displayed until the day that the writ of election is issued, and must be removed no later than 3 days after Voting Day (Oct. 21, 2019).

Is there a fee to put up Election Signs?

A mandatory Election Sign Fee of \$250 must be paid prior to erecting Election Signs.

Where can I pick up my sign(s) that have been removed by the Town?

Election Signs are stored at the Town's Operations Centre, 5061 Bethesda Road for the duration of the election period. They can be picked up anytime after the Election (beginning October 22, 2019) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. To arrange pick-up of a sign, please contact Municipal Law Enforcement. Signs in storage may be destroyed after November 20, 2019 (30 days following Election Day).

Municipal Offices

111 Sandiford Drive
Stouffville, ON
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Customer Service Centre: 905-640-1900

Toll Free: 1-855-642-TOWN (8696)

Automated: 905-640-1910

Toll Free: 1-855-642-TOWS (8697)

Fax: 905-640-7975

Municipal Law Enforcement

Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
Extension 2229

Regional Roads are governed under The Regional Municipality of York's Sign By-law. The Region has developed a 2018 Municipal Election Sign Guide that is available on the Town's website. All inquiries pertaining to Regional Roads should be directed to the Region at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75700.

This brochure has been prepared for information purposes only. Candidates should refer to Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Election Sign By-law 2018-050-RE for full legislation and regulations. A copy of the by-law can be obtained from the Municipal Offices or online at www.townofws.ca.



Town of
Whitchurch-Stouffville

Guide to Election Signs

**October 21, 2019
Federal Election**

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General Rules for Placement of Election Signs

Residential and Private property

Election Signs are permitted on a residential boulevard and private property provided that:

- Consent of the owner/occupant is obtained; and
- They do not impede the safe operation of traffic or impair the safety of pedestrians.

Election Signs shall not:

- Have flashing lights or rotating parts;
- Be illuminated;
- Simulate any traffic sign or other sign that directs traffic;
- Use words such as “stop”, “look” or “danger”, which may mislead or confuse traffic; or
- Be attached in any manner to any utility box, planter, bench, railing, retaining wall or similar object which has been placed on municipal property.

Public Parks & Municipal Property

Election Signs are not permitted in any park, building or structure owned, operated or controlled by the Town or on the adjacent highway.

Voting Place

Election Signs shall not be placed on a property used during an advance vote or on election day at a voting place. The entire property, including the parking lot, is deemed a voting place when used during an election. Election Signs may not be placed on a highway adjacent to voting places on or in a vehicle which is visible from the outside of the voting place.

Position and size

- Election Signs must not be located within 10 metres (32.81 feet) of another Election Sign for the same candidate;
- No larger than 1.49 square metres (16 square feet) - maximum height of 1.22 metres and maximum width of 1.22 metres (4 feet x 4 feet); and
- No higher than 2 metres (6.56 feet) off the ground on municipal property.

Roadways

- Election Signs shall not be located on any centre median, centre boulevard, roundabout or traffic island;
- Must be located a minimum of 1 metre (3.28 feet) from the outer edge of a sidewalk; or
- A minimum of 1 metre (3.28 feet) from the outer edge of a curb or shoulder, where there is no sidewalk.

Intersection visibility

- Election Signs are prohibited to be placed within a Daylighting Triangle of any intersections, measured 5 metres (16.4 feet) along the street from the point of intersection of the street lines. (See diagram).
- Election Signs must meet all other safety requirements

Signs can not go on grass area between sidewalk and roadway (please see diagram)

