

»» Time Period for Placement of Election Signs

Municipal election signs are not to be erected earlier than 30 days before the date of the municipal election. Election signs associated with a political party's nomination process shall not be erected or installed earlier than 21 days prior to the date set for the nomination meeting. Federal or provincial elections signs are not to be erected prior to the official issuing of the election writ. All signs must be removed within seven days following the election date. This time period will ensure that all candidates are receiving appropriate and equal sign advertisement time leading up to the election, will set firm time lines for election signs to compete for the attention of the public and will have a definite date in which election signs are to be removed so that they do not become unnecessary signage after the election.

»» Removal

If Council is not satisfied that the signs are effectively removed within the seven day time period, the candidate's \$250.00 deposit will be forfeited to the City to cover the costs for city crews to remove the signs. In addition, any costs incurred by the City over and above the \$250.00 deposit in the removal and disposal of the signs shall be the responsibility of the candidate and the candidate will be invoiced accordingly.

After the seven day period, City staff will undertake a site inspection to determine if the signs have been removed. If the Candidate's signs are removed at the time of the inspection, the deposit will be returned to the candidate within 20 days of the date of the election.



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ELECTION SIGNS

»» Introduction

The location, timing of placement, and size of election signs within the municipal boundaries of the City of Mount Pearl are governed by the Mount Pearl Development Regulations. Section 8 of the regulations have been adopted to guide and regulate elections signs at the time that nominations are called and elections are

held at the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government. The purpose of these regulations is to provide a tidy, convenient and safe campaign for the candidates and the general public. Time lines are set for the erection and removal of election signs to ensure that the City maintains its high maintenance standards.

»» Election Sign Conditions

(From the Mount Pearl Development Regulations)

Note: Authority is City of Mount Pearl

Election signs shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The erection of election signs are for a temporary period and such signs are deemed to be temporary signs.
- (ii) One permit is required to be obtained by a candidate, the candidate's official agent or representative, or district association for standard size election signs prior to the placement or erection of election signs throughout the Planning Area.
- (iii) A condition of the permit is the submission of a \$250.00 deposit, which is refundable upon the removal of the elections signs within seven days after the date of the election. If the Candidate fails to remove his or her election signs within seven days after the date of the election, Council will remove and destroy the signs, the \$250.00 deposit will be forfeited to Council and the Candidate shall be responsible for any additional costs for the removal and disposal of such signs.
- (iv) A standard size election sign shall not exceed a measurement of 1.22 m (4 ft) X 2.44 m (8 ft) and a maximum area of 3.0 m² (32 sq. ft.).
- (v) All other non standard size election signs shall be subject to the relevant sections and permits as required in Section 8.

- (vi) Election signs associated with a political party's nomination process shall not be erected or installed earlier than twenty-one days prior to the date set for the nomination meeting.
- (vii) Election signs associated with a municipal election shall not be erected or installed earlier than thirty days prior to the date of the municipal election.
- (viii) Election signs associated with a federal or provincial election shall not be erected or installed prior to the official issuing of the election writ.
- (ix) The erection of election signs shall be permitted on private property provided the property owner has given consent for the erection of such a sign and that the sign does not cause an obstruction to neighbouring properties.
- (x) The erection of election signs shall be permitted on vacant land owned by Council, provided the signs do not cause an obstruction to the travelling public or the work of Council, and provided the signs are not located within the far limits of the carriageway at any street intersection.
- (xi) Election signs shall not be affixed or attached to existing municipal buildings, structures or signs.
- (xii) On election day, election signs shall not be located within 30 metres from the entrance of a polling station.
- (xiii) Election signs shall not be located on the medians, boulevards and intersection islands situated within the City's street rights-of-way.

»» Permit Required

Prior to placing any election signs within the City boundary, a candidate is required to make application and obtain one permit for the erection and placement of standard size election signs throughout the municipality. Non-standard election signs such as portable signs and wall signs will require a separate application and permit for each sign and each sign will be subject to the applicable sections for that type of sign in the Development Regulations.

Applications and deposits shall be made to and permits obtained from the Mount Pearl Planning and Development Department, First Floor, City Hall.

»» Deposit

Prior to receiving the permit for standard size election signs, candidates shall submit a \$250.00 deposit with the City. This is a refundable deposit that will be returned to the candidates upon the timely removal of election signs once the election has passed. Election signs are required to be removed within seven days of the holding of the election.



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