

Municipal Sign By-law Requirements - Election Signs

Municipality	Timing	Number	Location	Size	Design	Fees
Ajax	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal/Provincial: The date of the issuance of writs Municipal: 1st Tuesday after Labour Day, or for a by-election, 6 weeks before the election <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 hours after the election 	<p>No limit - separation distance applies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot overhang or encroach onto City property Cannot be attached to traffic signs or control devices Cannot be on medians, traffic islands, roundabouts, or on or over sidewalks/pathways Cannot be closer than 25m to any voter assistance centre or polling station Cannot be closer than 25m to another election sign for the same candidate on any road Cannot be closer than 25m to another sign with the same third party advertiser on any road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential zone: Height=1m, Width=1m, Area=1m² All other zones: Height=1.25m, Width=1.2m, Area=1.5m² At a campaign office in an industrial or commercial zone: Area=2m² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shall indicate the candidate's name Third party advertiser signs shall indicate the name of the third party advertiser, the municipal, provincial, or federal body where the third party advertiser is registered, and a telephone number, mailing address, or e-mail address at which the third party advertiser may be contacted. 	
Brampton	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal/Provincial: 5:00pm on the date of the issuance of writs Municipal: 5:00pm 24 days prior to voting day <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 72 hours after the close of the election 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two signs per candidate/third party advertiser for a residential property Three signs per candidate/third party advertiser for a private property other than residential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only on private property with the consent of the property owner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 2m² 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee and no permit to place an election sign in accordance with the bylaw Anyone who contravenes the bylaw can be charged for the offence. Fines imposed by the court.
Hamilton	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal/Provincial: The date of the issuance of writs Municipal: 28 days prior to voting day (except for campaign office signs) <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 days after voting day 	<p>No limit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On private property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential: Area=1.5m² Other: No limit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not be an electronic message display 	
Kingston	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal/Provincial: The date of the issuance of writs Municipal: 30 days in advance of the last voting day Campaign office: once a candidate has filed nomination papers and paid fee or a registered third party has registered with City Clerk <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96 hours of the day on which the election is held 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 per candidate or registered third party on each street frontage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A candidate or registered third party can only designate one building as the campaign office Cannot be placed on public property Cannot be placed within 50m of a voting place or a place where the administration of election processes are conducted on advance voting day or voting day. Also applies to vehicle election signs. Cannot create an obstruction to any firefighter, vehicle parking, walkways, driving areas, or to City maintenance operations. Cannot be placed on traffic signs, median strips, traffic islands, bus shelter, community mailbox, a bridge, a trestle, a hydrant, a fence, or a tree Cannot be on a cemetery or any property abutting a cemetery Cannot be within 2m of a roadway or in a sight triangle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area= 1x2, Height from grade= 2.15m. Does not apply to billboard election signs or campaign office election signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No illumination, flashing lights, or rotating parts Cannot contain a logo, trademark, crest, or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the City. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No fee and no permit to place an election sign in accordance with the bylaw Anyone who contravenes the bylaw can be charged \$10,000.00 first offence and \$25,000.00 for any subsequent offence.

<p>London</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a federal or provincial election or by-election, the day the writ of election is issued. For a municipal election, the nomination day in the year of a regular election or by-election. For a campaign office, once the candidate has filed their nomination <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 96 hours immediately following 11:59pm of the day of the election. 	<p>No limit - separation distance applies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not on public property or in a park Cannot interfere with vehicular traffic, pedestrians, or city maintenance operations Cannot be placed farther than 50m outside the electoral district Cannot be placed in a roadway, closer than 3m to a roadway, between a roadway and a sidewalk, in a median strip, less than 3m from a crosswalk, on a tree, fence, wall, gate, or a utility pole on public property or a street, in a boulevard, within 10m of another election sign for the same candidate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area=6m² Height=1.8m when placed within 3 to 8m of the roadway, Height=4m when placed beyond 8m of the roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot be illuminated Cannot display a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the City. 	
<p>Mississauga</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a federal or provincial election, the issuance of writs For a municipal election, 6 weeks preceding the day of the election <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 48 hours immediately following 11:59pm of the day of the election. 	<p>No limit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot be placed on public property Cannot be placed on a utility pole or light standard unless it is affixed to a poster sleeve on a designated light Cannot be placed on any official sign or structure Cannot be placed within a sight triangle Cannot be placed within 50m of the main entrance to the polling station or the front façade of the building, whichever is greater Cannot obstruct pedestrians, motor vehicles, traffic signs or devices Cannot obstruct openings for lights, ventilation, ingress, egress, or firefighting Cannot be on a concrete or masonry noise attenuation wall Cannot be on or over a street Cannot be somewhere where it would damage municipal services Cannot be on a parked vehicle or trailer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area=1.5m² except billboard signs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May remove and charge a fee of \$5,000.00
<p>Oakville</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a federal or provincial election, 45 days prior to the election or prior to the issuance of the writ for the election, whichever is later. For a municipal election, 45 days prior to the day of the election <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 days following the election At a voting location, 48 hours prior to voting day, and advance voting, and during voting hours 	<p>No limit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot be on or overhanging Town property other than arterial road allowances Cannot be on or within any road allowance abutting any Town owned building Cannot be on a utility pole, official sign, official sign structure, median, traffic island, center boulevard, railing, retaining wall, bridge, bench, garbage can or structure of any kind Cannot be on any tree, tree support, or fence on Town property Cannot obstruct any door, window, fire exit, or any opening required for light, ventilation, ingress, egress, or firefighting Cannot interfere with underground services Cannot obstruct the view or path of a pedestrian or motor vehicle Cannot obstruct the visibility of a traffic sign or device Cannot be within 1.5m of a fire hydrant, curb, driveway, or a street 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A security deposit must be paid
<p>Oshawa</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a federal or provincial election, the day of the writ of election For a municipal election, the 42nd day prior to the last polling day <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th day following the day of the election 	<p>No limit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot obstruct view of drivers Cannot obstruct traffic control devices, sidewalks Cannot be closer than 1m from the curb of a City road. Cannot be within 2m of the travelled portion of a City road where there is no curb; Cannot be on an island or median Cannot be within 20m of a bridge Cannot be on City property Cannot be on land used as a polling station or within 1m of the property line of a polling station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When within the limits of a City road, Height=0.6m, Width=1.2m Height=1.2m, Width=1.2m 		

<p>Ottawa</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 days immediately preceding the election date. <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 hours following the election date. 	<p>No limit - separation distance applies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height=75cm when in a sight triangle • No size restrictions 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No illuminated, flashing or sequential lights, mechanical or electronic devices that provide or simulate motion. May have indirect lighting. • Sign must have the name and telephone number of the sign business or company leasing or renting the sign affixed to the temporary sign at a clearly visible location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be charged a fee when contravention of the bylaw takes place.
<p>Toronto</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a federal or provincial election, the day the writ of election is issued • For a municipal election, 25 days prior to voting day <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 72 hours after the completion of 	<p>No limit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot be on public property other than on: a highway, or a public utility pole located on a highway, a bus shelter, a municipal garbage container, a TTC dedicated advertising space, a street installation dedicated advertising space, a third party sign, on the surface of vehicles or trailers • Cannot interfere with motor vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and must not obstruct visibility or block sightlines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs on highways: Area=1.2m², height=2m • Signs on TTC station advertising space: Area=2.3m² • Signs on TTC vehicle advertising space: Area=2.7m² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall not be illuminated • Shall not contain a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the City. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be charged a fee when contravention of the bylaw takes place
<p>Vancouver</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a federal or provincial election, the date when the writ for the election is issued. • For a municipal election, 45 days before voting day <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 hours after the close of voting 	<p>No limit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot obstruct a traffic control device • Cannot obstruct the natural lighting, air intake, or ventilation of a building • Cannot cover or obstruct an architectural feature or pedestrian traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area=3m² • Window signs= 30% of the glass area of the window 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot be illuminated • Cannot emit noise 	
<p>Vaughan</p>	<p><u>Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a federal or provincial election, the issuance of writs • For a municipal election, the close of nominations <p><u>Close</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 48 hours after election day 	<p>No limit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setback 1m from all street lines • Setback 1.5m from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot • Cannot be within a daylighting triangle • Cannot be on municipal property or on public road allowances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area=5m² 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300.00 per candidate running for office of mayor, regional councillor, or for provincial or federal office • \$150.00 per candidate running for Ward Councilor • \$50.00 per candidate running for School Trustee