

Dear Candidate,

Re: Election Signs

As a candidate in the upcoming federal election we wish to draw to your attention that election signs in the City of Mississauga are regulated by Sign By-law 0054-2002, as amended. Refer to the entire Sign By-law 0054-2002 as amended, for comprehensive requirements. The Sign By-law in its entirety can be found on line at <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws> - select Sign By-law 0054-2002.

Please be advised that **the City of Mississauga has adopted a zero tolerance policy for contraventions of the Sign By-law. The City of Mississauga will enforce the Sign By-law without further notice. Enforcement includes:**

- The immediate removal of signs displayed in contravention of the Sign By-law.
- The immediate disposal of illegal signs ten (10) square feet or less which have been removed by the City.
- Signs which are greater than ten (10) square feet will be held in storage for 30 days during which period signs which have been removed may be redeemed upon payment of a two hundred dollars (\$200.00) removal fee plus twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day storage fee per sign. After 30 days, signs which have not been redeemed will be destroyed or otherwise disposed.
- Issuance of a Part 1 Ticket, per offence, pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Act*.
- Issuance of a Summons to appear in Provincial Offences Court. Every person who contravenes any provision of the By-law is guilty of an offence pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c P.33, as amended, and is subject to a fine of not more than \$5000.00 exclusive of costs.

Candidates are responsible to ensure their elections signs comply with the requirements at all times.

Enquiries regarding elections signs may be directed to the City of Mississauga at 311 (if calling within Mississauga) or (905) 615-4311.



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ELECTION SIGNS

The following are excerpts from City of Mississauga Sign By-law 54-2002 as amended, regarding election signs.

*For comprehensive requirements refer to Sign By-law 54-2002 as amended, in its entirety. A copy can be found on The City of Mississauga website at:
<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws>*

Definitions

“election sign” means a sign advertising or promoting the election of a political party or a candidate for public office in a federal, provincial or municipal election;

“public property” means property, land, or buildings owned by the City, Region, or a local board as defined in the Municipal Affairs Act, as amended or owned by the Federal or Provincial government(s);

4. General Provisions

- (1) No person shall erect, display, alter or allow or cause the erection, display, or alteration of any sign within the City on publicly or privately owned lands without obtaining a permit under this By-law. (508-05)
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection 4 (1), a sign permit is not required for the following signs and all such signs shall comply with all other requirements of this By-law:
 - (b) election signs, erected in accordance with Section 21;
- (6) Any sign not expressly permitted by this By-law is prohibited and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following signs are specifically prohibited:
 - (b) a banner other than a banner located within a public road allowance and approved by the City or Region;
 - (i) a sign located within a sight triangle;
- (9) No person shall attach, affix or display or cause the display or attachment of any sign or advertisement on a vehicle or trailer which is parked or located for the primary purpose of displaying said sign or advertisement. (508-05)

21. Election Signs

- (1) No candidate or his agent or any other person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an election sign or permit an election sign to be affixed, erected or otherwise displayed: (508-05)
 - (a) on or overhanging public property;
 - (b) on a utility pole or light standard unless it is affixed to a poster sleeve on a designated light;
 - (c) on any official sign or official sign structure;
 - (d) within a sight triangle;
 - (e) within 50 metres of the exterior main entrance to the polling station or the front facade of the building which contains the polling station, whichever is greater;(240-07)
 - (f) at any location where the election sign:
 - (i) obstructs the view of any pedestrian or driver of a motor vehicle, or obstruct the visibility of any traffic sign or device, or where it could interfere with vehicular traffic so that it could endanger any person;
 - (ii) obstructs openings required for light, ventilation, ingress, egress or firefighting;
 - (iii) constitutes a danger or hazard to the general public.
 - (g) on a concrete or masonry noise attenuation wall.
- (2) No candidate or his agent or any other person shall affix, erect or otherwise display an election sign or permit or cause an election sign to be erected, affixed, or otherwise displayed prior to the issuance of writs for a provincial or federal election or until the close of nominations for a municipal election. (508-05, 292-07)
- (3) An election sign shall not exceed a maximum sign area of 1.5 m² with the exception of those placed on billboard signs. (240-07)
- (4) An election sign which is a fascia sign may be affixed to the face of the building or building unit which is used as a candidate's campaign headquarters provided such fascia sign complies with the provisions of this By-law for a fascia sign.
- (5) An election sign shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours immediately following 11:59 p.m. of the day of the election.
- (6) The candidate to whom the election sign relates shall be responsible for the erection or display of the election sign and shall ensure that all the requirements of this By-law have been met. (508-05)
 - (7) Where an election sign has been affixed, erected or otherwise displayed in contravention of any provision of this By-law, the Commissioner may cause the sign to be removed immediately without notice and/or take any further action as provided in Section 31. (508-05)

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Election Signs

The City of Mississauga has a By-law that outlines rules for election signs, including where they *can* and *cannot* be posted.

SIGNS CAN BE POSTED:

- On private property
- If they are 1.5 square metres or less in size

SIGNS CANNOT BE POSTED:

- On public property (any municipal, provincial or federal buildings, land or fences owned by any government or agency)
- Where they could cause harm to the public – if they block drivers' views of other vehicles, pedestrians, road signs or traffic lights, especially at driveways and intersections
- On utility poles or light standards, or concrete walls constructed for noise reduction
- Within 50 metres of the entrance to a polling station
- If they are over 1.5 square meters in size, unless they have permits
- If they are banner signs *or*
- If they are mounted on vehicles or trailers

Please remember, election signs must be removed within 48 hours after midnight on election day.

311

(905-615-4311
Outside city limits)