

# Municipal Election Sign Regulations



## Sign Inquiries

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Election signs may not be displayed until the candidate or registered third party has registered and paid the required election sign deposit fee

### Reminders before placing election signs:

- **Timing:** Election signs may not be displayed earlier than 45 days before the first advance voting day (for the 2026 election, this means September 6, 2026).
- **Deposit Required:** A \$250 deposit must be paid to the Municipality of Clarington before erecting any signs.
- **Ward Boundaries:** Signs that promote, support, or oppose a candidate outside that candidates designated ward are not permitted.
- **Driver Visibility:** Signs must not obstruct or interfere with a driver's line of sight or create a traffic hazard.
- **Infrastructure and Medians:** Signs shall not be displayed on public infrastructure, medians or traffic islands.
- **Fences/Retaining Walls:** Signs are not permitted on any fence or retaining wall visible from a road.
- **Municipal Property:** Signs are prohibited on municipal property, except where permitted on highways in accordance with Election Sign By-law.
- **Private Property:** Only one election sign per candidate or registered third party is allowed on private property (except at campaign offices), and it must have property owner consent, not block safety features or emergency access.
- **Voting Locations:** Signs are not allowed on any premises used as an Election Assistance Centre (EAC), including adjacent boulevards.

### Election Sign Roadway Regulations

Regulation	Municipal and Regional Roads
Sign distance from edge of curb	1 metre
Sign distance from road if no curb	2 metres
Sign height *	1.5 metres
Sign width	2.44 metres
At any intersection or driveway	Not placed within the sight triangle
Sign distance from other signs for same candidate	500-metre radius

\* Sign height refers to the total height of an election sign measured from grade to the top of the sign structure.

**Important note:** This document is provided as a simplified guide for quick reference only. It does not include all requirements contained in the Election Sign By-law.

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# Election Sign Removal and Cost Recovery

Election signs in contravention may be removed without notice or compensation

## Sign Removals:

- **Removal Deadline:** All election signs must be removed by the candidate or registered third party **within 48 hours after midnight on voting day.**
- **Unauthorized Signs:** Signs on municipal or regional property in violation of the by-law may be removed without notice or compensation.
- **Deposit Deductions:** Any election sign removed for violating the by-law will result in a deduction from the candidate's or registered third party's election sign deposit.
- **Additional Charges:** If removal costs exceed the deposit amount, the candidate or registered third party will be billed directly for the extra costs.
- **Deposit Refunds:** Deposits, less any amounts owing, may be refunded if there are no remaining infractions.
- **Sign Retrieval:** Removed signs may be retrieved, during regular business hours, within **30 days** of the invoice or deposit refund notice, and after paying any outstanding fees. Signs not retrieved within this time frame will be considered forfeited.
- **Candidate Responsibility for Sign Placement:** Candidates remain fully responsible and liable for any personal injury or property damage caused by the placement of signs, including harm resulting from negligence or intentional acts by themselves, their agents, or employees.

## Election Sign Fees

Service	Fee
Deposit Amount	\$250
Removal Fee first 25 signs	\$10 per sign
Removal Fee over 25 signs up to .56 m <sup>2</sup>	\$10 per sign
Removal Fee over 25 signs over .56m <sup>2</sup> up to 3m <sup>2</sup>	\$20 per sign
Removal Fee over 25 signs over 3m <sup>2</sup>	\$30 per sign or actual cost of removal