

# ELECTION SIGNAGE

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## WHAT IS ELECTION SIGNAGE?

An election sign means a sign or poster which advertises any aspect of a forthcoming Federal, State or Local Government election.

## IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

A permit is required under the *City of Karratha Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2017* for any election signage installed on a thoroughfare or public place.

However, **candidates do not need to apply for this permit**. The City will issue a generic permit to cover any such election signage for all candidates for each election and will provide a copy of this permit to each candidate. This will make it easier for candidates to participate in an election.

Any signage proposed on State Road reserves requires separate approval from Main Roads.

Please also read **PARAMETERS FOR ELECTION SIGNAGE** below.

## WHEN CAN ELECTION SIGNAGE BE INSTALLED?

Election signage may only be displayed from the time an election or referendum is declared until 48 hours after the election or referendum.

## WHAT IF ELECTION SIGNAGE IS INSTALLED OUTSIDE THIS PERIOD?

An election sign installed outside of this period is not exempt from the requirement to obtain development approval in accordance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*. Any election signage installed outside this period without development approval is unauthorised and must be removed.

## PARAMETERS FOR ELECTION SIGNAGE

### • WHERE CAN ELECTION SIGNAGE BE INSTALLED?

- Not less than 10 metres of the tangent point of an intersection/junction;
- Within a local road reserve provided that it faces the direction of traffic and is located a minimum of 3 metres from the kerb/road edge, but not installed within road reserves with a speed limit of 80km/hr or more;
- At least 1.5 metres from any part of a crossover;
- Excluding street traffic islands and street median strip;
- Must not pose a risk to public safety by way of a hazard to vehicle traffic or pedestrians (for example, compromise sight lines at an intersection).

### • CAN ELECTION SIGNAGE BE INSTALLED ON PRIVATE LAND?

- Requires the consent of the landowner and occupier;
- Signage on a verge adjacent to a private property must have the consent of the occupier.

- **WHAT TYPE OF ELECTION SIGNAGE CAN BE INSTALL?**

- Free standing and not being affixed to any existing sign, post, fences, power or light pole, or similar structure;
- Does not cause any damage or maintenance issues to fences, walls, trees or shrubs;
- Not installed using metal star pickets;
- No higher than 1.2 metres above natural ground level;
- The use of the City's logo or crest on an election sign is not permitted.

- **WHAT ARE THE PERMIT HOLDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES?**

- Ensure that permitted signage is robustly made, securely installed and regularly maintained for the duration of the permit;
- Election signage may only be installed once the writs have been issued, or, in the case of a local government election under the Local Government Act 1995, once the election, referendum, or poll has been declared. All election signage must be removed within 48 hours after the election, referendum, or poll has been conducted;
- Accept responsibility for any claims arising out of the placing of the signs within a road reserve, thoroughfare or public place.

## **WHAT IF THE ELECTION SIGNAGE DOES NOT COMPLY?**

City officers are authorised to remove any election signage installed in contravention of the above conditions and requirements in accordance with the *City of Karratha Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2017*.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you would like further information on election signage, please contact:

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