

Roadside Management Manual

Section: SHORT TERM PRIVATE SIGNING OPPORTUNITIES

Subject: ELECTION

INTRODUCTION

[The Provincial Highway Sign Control Regulations](#) established under [The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997](#) allow for the installation of private signs adjacent to provincial highways.

An election sign is a temporary sign announcing or supporting political candidates in connection with any vote or referendum pursuant to [The Canada Elections Act](#), [The Election Act, 1996](#) or [The Local Government Election Regulations](#).

POLICY

Private Property: Election signs may be installed on private property near a provincial highway, if all the following is satisfied:

- With the landowner’s permission;
- Not obstructing the lines of sight from any roadway approaching the highway; and
- If the sign is larger than 3 m², with a permit from the Ministry.

Provincial Highway Right-of-Way: Election signs may be installed in a provincial highway right-of-way, if all the following is satisfied:

- No more than 1 m from the edge of the highway property line;
- Not obstructing the lines of sight from any roadway approaching the highway; and
- Not larger than 3 m².

TIMING

Federal and Provincial Elections: Federal and Provincial election signs cannot be installed until after the election writ has been issued and must be removed within 7 days after the date of the election.

Municipal Elections: For municipal elections, election signs cannot be installed until 1 month prior to the election date and must be removed within 7 days after the date of the election.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

Applicants should review policy [RSM 1220-00 General Conditions](#) for specific information on permits, sign design and location and sightline requirements.

See Figure 1260-80-1 below regarding sign placement.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Ministry assumes no responsibility for the installation, maintenance, or replacement of Election signs.

REMOVAL

Elections signs may be removed if, in the opinion of the Ministry, the conditions of this policy are not being met.

**FIGURE 1260-80-1
LOCATION OF ELECTION SIGNS**

