Appendix A Election Sign Rules

Election Sign Enforcement

2026 Municipal Election

The City of Burlington's *Sign By-law 34-2007* and *Election Sign By-law 12-2022* both apply to election signs. Recognizing that section 2(b) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* protects the expression of ideas and applies to election signs, their display is permitted. However, enforcement under the By-laws, which includes removing a sign and/or laying a charge, may occur if:

- an election sign is displayed on private property without the consent of the owner of the private property.
- an election sign is displayed on City property other than road allowance, for example, in a park.
- an election sign is displayed on the road allowance anywhere other than on the boulevard, that is the election sign is displayed on the sidewalk, the travelled portion of the road allowance or the median.
- an election sign is displayed on any property and:
    - is erected more than 45 days before election day.
    - is not removed more than four days after election day.
    - is in a state of disrepair so as to be unsafe or unsightly.
    - is painted on, attached to, or supported by a tree.
    - is painted on, attached to, or supported by a utility pole, traffic control device or other object on the road allowance.
    - incorporates the City's logo or the City's municipal election logo.
    - incorporates flashing lights or rotating parts.
    - is similar to any traffic control device.
    - interferes with the passage of pedestrians where they are reasonably expected to walk.
    - interferes with the safe operation of vehicular traffic or the safety of pedestrians, including interferes with the visibility of any traffic control device.
    - obstructs City maintenance operations.
    - obstructs the parking of vehicles on road allowance, other City property or private property.
    - obstructs anything related to fire prevention or protection including but not limited to a fire escape, fire exit door, fire hydrant, or fire route.

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In addition, no election sign can be displayed on a property where a voting place is located while voting is occurring.

If you have any questions, please contact bylaw@burlington.ca or at 905-335-7731 (menu option #4).