



CITY OF MEADOW LAKE

POLICY

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The Council for the City of Meadow Lake has determined that there should be a policy regulating the erection of federal, provincial and local government election signs in the city and on municipal property. This policy will enable the city to inform the relevant parties of the procedure, and allow the city to remove signs that do not conform.

An election sign is a temporary sign displayed in connection with a federal election or referendum, provincial election or local government election. Election signs may be erected:

- 45 days prior to a local government election;
- After a writ has been issued for a federal or provincial election;
- After the order, writ or direction has been issued for a referendum or plebiscite.

This policy provides general guidelines for posting signage in the City of Meadow Lake. The purpose is to:

- provide clear, concise information for all users
- promote public safety

No election signage will be allowed in the following areas:

- Within one metre (3.3 feet) of any sidewalk, lot line or pathway;
- Within 3 metres (9.84 feet) of any entrance to a public lane;
- Within the site triangle of an intersection that it may interfere with traffic safety;
- On municipal property including Centre Street boulevard, municipal right-of-ways, parks,
- Within 3 metres (9.84 feet) of the municipal right-of-way on the north side off of Highway 55 (1st Avenue);
- On trees, public utility poles or traffic control devices;
- More than one metre from the edge of the highway property line (edge of the right of way) of a provincial highway as regulated by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (see attached diagram);
- Inside the right of way of a provincial highway as regulated by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (see attached diagram).

Signs must not:

- be illuminated (internally or indirectly), move, flash, rotate, or reflect so as to be a distraction to drivers;
- display the City logo in whole or in part on any election sign;
- obstruct or interfere with a door or fire escape of any building;
- be erected on private property without the knowledge and consent of the property owner, including absentee owners.

All election signs must be removed within seven (7) calendar days after the election date. If the signs are not removed within this time period or are considered a safety hazard to pedestrians or motorists, the signs will be removed by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer or other city staff as directed by the City Manager.

The *Canada Elections Act* states that it is an offence to take down, remove, cover up, mutilate, deface or alter any printed advertisement, placard, poster or banner having reference to the election of a candidate without authority.

