

Election Signs on Highway Rights-of-Way

1. Election signs may be erected on the right-of-way or adjacent to a Class 2 undivided Staged Freeway, a Class 3 Special Controlled Access highway, a Class 4 Major highway or Class 5 Minor highway after an official election has been called.
2. Signs up to 0.7 m² (8 sq. ft.) in size must be placed a minimum 4m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement. Signs over 0.7 m² (8 sq. ft.) and up to 3.7 m² (40 sq. ft.) must be placed at the outer limit of the right-of-way.
3. Election signs placed by, or on behalf of, a candidate or a political party and signs designed to encourage citizens to vote, may be placed on the right-of-way of a highway but must not be placed less than 4m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement.
4. An “election sign” must not be affixed to a permanent or an official sign or to guide rail, on traffic islands or other highway structure or facility.
5. An “election sign” must not be placed where it may interfere with visibility, an official sign, traffic signal, or other safety device. This is particularly important at intersections where signs could create a traffic hazard by impairing the visibility of motorists.
6. Portable read-o-graph sign trailers are prohibited on the right-of-way of any highway. Such read-o-graph sign trailers may be utilized providing they are erected on private property and meet the requirements of the ministry for portable read-o-graph signing.
7. Permits or Letters of Approval for any signs erected under these instructions are not required.
8. Candidate committees or workers shall be allowed three (3) working days after election day in order to remove candidate advertising (election signs) from the MTO right-of-way and adjacent properties.
9. Signs not retrieved by this time shall be picked up by the MTO patrol forces and stored in a safe place (patrol yard, etc.) for a period of two weeks. After this time they will be disposed of.