

Election signage

Guideline



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1 Purpose

This guideline expands on Council's policy providing further information on the requirements for erecting signs relating to any local, Territory or Federal election in the Alice Springs municipal area.

The Alice Springs Town Council Elections and Advertising Policy provides exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit, as per Part 2.4 of the *Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-Laws 2009*, to erect local, Territory or Federal election related signage within the Alice Springs municipality as long as:

- the election material complies with all legislation;
- the election material is applied or affixed so not to cause any damage to that to which it is applied or affixed and may be removed without causing damage or leaving any stain, mark or residue to that which it is applied or affixed;
- no election material is applied or affixed so as to obscure, wholly or in part, any notice signs or other advertising material (political or otherwise) which may already have been applied or affixed; and
- no election material is applied or affixed to private property without the consent of the owner or occupier of that property.

2 Guidelines

2.1 Election sign display period

Election signs may only be displayed within the following period, subject to any requirements of the *Electoral Act (NT) 2004*:

- Affixed within six (6) weeks prior to a fixed election date
- Removed one (1) day following the election date

2.2 Election sign requirements

Election signs must:

- have an area no greater than 1.5m²; and
- be displayed on a corflute or similar

2.3 Election signs on verges

Election signs may be temporarily placed on the Alice Springs Town Council verge adjacent to a road, however they:

- must not be attached to Council tree or vegetation,
- must not be affixed to Council assets including building or fencing,
- must not be affixed to, or obstruct or obscure, traffic signs, signals, poles, etc

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- must not be placed in a way that damages Council infrastructure such as irrigation systems,
- must not obstruct the view or flow of traffic and pedestrians (including being placed in bus stops or on roundabouts), and
- signs must be safe and secure, and positioned in a manner that does not pose a risk or danger to persons or property and be under effective control.

2.4 Election signs on private property

An election sign may be placed on private property provided they:

- are not in place in a way that obscures the view of vehicular and pedestrian traffic,
- comply with the previously listed limitation on size, and
- are not illuminated

2.5 Permit requirements

Any sign that does not comply with Council policy and these guidelines is required to obtain a Council permit or will be removed by Council officers without further notice. Infringement penalty notices may be issued for this offence. A sign removed by Council officers may incur a fee for the return of the sign.

Repeated offences or actions that risk public safety will result in penalties being issued or the matter being referred to the Northern Territory Police.

2.6 Election signs on Northern Territory Government roads

Where a road is controlled by the Northern Territory Government and a complaint is made, it will be passed onto the relevant Northern Territory Government department.

3 Related Documents

- *Elections and Advertising (Elected Member) Policy*
- *Alice Springs (Management of Public Places) By-laws 2009*
- *Electoral Act (NT) 2004*

4 Version History

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