

Information for Candidates

Election Signs By-Law

On March 20, 2018 City Council adopted revisions to By-Law Number 2014-16, "A By-law to Regulate Election Signs in the City of Kingston" (see the entire By-law by clicking on the link provided on this page). The revised By-law provides as follows with respect to election signs for the 2018 Municipal Election:

- Election signs cannot be displayed prior to September 22, 2018 (30 days preceding the day of a municipal election);
- Election signs do not require a permit or payment of a fee;
- Election signs must be located at least 2.0 metres (6.5 feet) from the travelled portion of a road;
- Election signs must not be placed in a sight triangle as defined in the By-law;
- Election signs cannot be placed:
 - on a public sidewalk or in locations on, over or near a sidewalk so as to interfere with normal pedestrian traffic;
 - on utility poles, light standards, guardrails, hydrants, fences, trees or any other object or structure within a road allowance;
 - on a median or island within a road allowance;
 - in a Voting Place;
 - on public property;
 - on or in a vehicle within 50 metres of a Voting Place on Advance Voting Day or Voting Day;
- Third Party election signs are subject to the provisions of the Election Signs By-law;
- Third Party advertisers must register with the City Clerk prior to displaying election signs;
- Third Party election signs must contain valid contact information as specified in the Election Signs By-law;
- Election signs must be removed within ninety-six (96) hours of the day on which the election is held (i.e. on or before October 26, 2018);
- The City Clerk is responsible for enforcing the Election Signs By-law and may designate individuals or Provincial Offences Officers to immediately remove signs without notice that contravene the By-law;
- Any person who contravenes the provisions of the Election Signs By-law is guilty of an offence, and upon conviction, is subject to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act and to any applicable penalties.