

2026 Municipal Election

Bulletin Number 2

Campaigning in Multi-Residential Buildings

Note: 2026 Municipal Election Bulletins will be issued periodically by the Elections Office to provide important information for Electors, Candidates and Third Party Advertisers. For the latest information regarding the 2026 Municipal Election, please check the City's Elections website (www.cityofkingston.ca/elections).

Overview

Candidates in the 2026 Municipal Election and their authorized representatives are allowed access to multi-residential properties for the purpose of election campaigning, including distributing election material. This permission is found in several pieces of provincial legislation, further details of which are below.

For the purpose of this bulletin, a multi-residential property includes apartment buildings, condominium buildings, non-profit housing co-operatives, and gated communities.

The Rules

- Candidates or their authorized representatives have reasonable access to multi-residential buildings between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Access to the building may only be for campaigning or distributing election materials.
- Candidates may not post literature or signs in lobbies, common areas, or anywhere else on a multi-residential property.
- Owners or tenants of a building may display election signs on the premise of the property, subject to any restrictions on size or type of sign that has been established by the property owner, property management company, condominium or co-operative corporation.
- Election signs must be displayed in accordance with City of Kingston By-Law Number 2019-100, [Election Sign By-Law](#).

Legislation

Several provincial laws contain provisions regarding campaigning in multi-residential buildings. Below are brief summaries of those provisions. Candidates are encouraged to consult the legislation directly via the provided links:

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 Section 88.1 and 88.2

- Prohibits persons in control of a multi-residential building or property from preventing candidates in a municipal election, or their representatives, from campaigning door-to-door at the property between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

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- Prohibits a landlord, a condominium corporation or their agents from preventing a tenant from displaying an election sign in their unit, subject to reasonable limits regarding size or type of sign. The display of signs in common areas may also be prohibited.

Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 Section 28

- Prohibits a landlord from restricting reasonable access to a residential complex by candidates for a municipal election, or their authorized agents, for the purposes of campaigning or distributing election material.

The Condominium Act, 1998 Section 118

- Prohibits a condominium corporation, employee or agent from restricting reasonable access to a condominium property by candidates for a municipal election, or their authorized agents, for the purposes of campaigning or distributing election material.

The Co-operative Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, Section 171.24

- Prohibits a non-profit housing co-operative, or its agent, from restricting reasonable access to a condominium property by candidates for a municipal election, or their authorized agents, for the purposes of campaigning or distributing election material.

Authorization

On the following page is an authorization letter that may be shared by a candidate or their authorized representative with the owners or agents of a multi-residential property.

Further Information

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Memorandum – City of Kingston Elections Office

To: Property owners and managers, housing co-operative representatives and condominium corporations

Subject: Authorization for 2026 municipal election candidates and authorized representatives to access multi-residential buildings for campaign purposes.

As outlined in the attached election bulletin (Election Bulletin 2: Campaigning in Multi-Residential Buildings) from the City of Kingston Elections Office, candidates for the 2026 municipal election, and their authorized representatives, are by law allowed to access multi-residential properties for the purposes of election campaigning and distributing election materials between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. For the purposes of this bulletin, a multi-residential property includes apartment buildings, condominium buildings, non-profit housing co-operatives, university and college dormitories, and gated communities.

It is also acknowledgement that candidates or their authorized representatives do not have the right to post campaign literature in the lobbies or common areas of multi-residential properties, or post election signs on multi-residential properties.

In accordance with the attached bulletin from the Elections Office, I

running for the office of:

Mayor

District Councillor

School Board Trustee

hereby appoint the following person(s) as my authorized representative(s) to enter multi-residential properties for the purposes of election campaigning and distributing election material on my behalf during the 2026 Municipal Election.

Candidate signature

Date