

Election Signage

An election sign is temporary sign advertising or promoting a political candidate or candidates, a registered political party, or a campaign for a Commonwealth, State or local government election during an election period or in relation to a referendum.

It is important that candidates and their support teams are familiar with the laws surrounding signage in the Noosa local government area and comply with the requirements.

Election signs on local government controlled public land, plant, equipment or facility

Council's local law prohibits the installation, erection or display of election signs of any style or type on a local government-controlled area, plant, equipment or facility of the local government. Examples of a local government-controlled area, plant, equipment or facility include:

- Council and State* controlled roads and all associated infrastructure including roundabouts, bus shelters, bridges, barriers, fencing, light poles, road signs, footpaths, pathways, boardwalks and nature strips, refuse bins, trees or other vegetation, or any other thing.

*Noosa Council has a Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Transport and Main Road to regulate Election signage on State controlled roads in Noosa Shire

The prohibition of temporary election signs on local government-controlled areas, plant, equipment or facilities applies to all styles or types of signage, including for example:

- Animated, neon, illuminated, flashing or projected signs.
- Balloons, banners, bunting, tear drop or inflatable signs.
- Portable signs including interchangeable lettering signs, sandwich or A-frame signs, electronic trailer style message boards, signs held or waved for the purposes of touting for attention.
- Signs of any type attached to, or mounted on, any stationary vehicle and does not form part of the vehicle (includes a car, truck, trailer, boat, caravan, motorbike or the like).

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The prohibition on election signs on local government-controlled areas does not apply to:

- Any vehicle that has election signage in the form of permanently written or removable decals where the vehicle is being used for bona-fide purposes on a road and the vehicle is not left stationary on a road for the principal purpose of static advertising or display.
- An election sign displayed at, or in association with, a public assembly lawfully conducted under the Peaceful Assembly Act 1992, but only for the duration of the public assembly.

Temporary election signs on private land visible from a road or other public place

Temporary election signage on private land that is visible from a road or other public place is self-assessable under Council's local laws and does not require approval provided it meets the following criteria. Permission must be obtained from the private property owner and signs must:

- Not be erected or displayed until the day after public notice of the election has been given (local government elections) or the writ for the election has been issued (state & federal elections).
- Be removed within 7 days of the election polling day.
- Not have a face area in excess of 1.1m² (unless the sign is exhibited on an approval required advertising device).
- Be made of light weight, weather resistant, rigid or semi-rigid material that can be easily broken for example a corflute sign on a timber stake.
- Be securely fixed and maintained in good order.
- Not rotate, be illuminated, audible or contain moving images.
- Not use reflective or fluorescent materials.
- Be erected inside or on the property boundary(not on or protruding into the road verge/footpath).
- Must not be exhibited so as to constitute a risk to public health & safety; road safety or obstruct the use of the adjoining road or footpath.
- Must not obstruct the view or vista from adjoining premises or obstruct line of sight of motorists or other road or footpath users.

Candidates may be requested to remove offending signs or Council may remove and confiscate offending signs without notice with a fee payable for their release & candidates are encouraged to check with Council if they have any questions.

View Council Elections webpage at noosa.qld.gov.au or visit Council's offices
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