



## **Election Sign Regulation**

# **Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

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Under the authority of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, the Ministry of Transportation, through the issuance of a permit, controls all visible signing upon or within 400 metres of the provincial highway right-of-way.

Election signs placed by, or on behalf of, a candidate or a political party and signs designed to encourage citizens to vote must follow these restrictions governing election signs that are visible from a provincial highway system.

1. An election sign must not be placed upon or adjacent to the right-of-way of a Class 1 – Freeway or a Class 2 – Staged Freeway (i.e. Hwy 401, 115, etc.). See attached typical diagram for freeway / staged freeway interchange election sign placement;
2. Election signs may be erected on the right-of-way or adjacent to a Special Controlled Access, Major or Minor Highway (i.e. Hwy 7, Hwy 35) after an official election has been issued or for municipal elections in accordance with any By-law outlining a time frame for the placement of municipal election campaign signs;
3. Signs up to 0.7 m<sup>2</sup> (8 sq. ft.) in size must be placed at least 4 m (12 ft.) from edge of pavement. Signs over 0.7 m<sup>2</sup> (40 sq. ft.) must be placed at the outer limit of the right-of-way (i.e. fence line). Election signs must not exceed 3.7 m<sup>2</sup> (40 sq. ft.);
4. An “election sign” must not be affixed to a permanent or an official sign or to guide rail or other highway structure or facility and must not be placed where it may interfere with visibility, an official sign, traffic signal or other safety device;

5. Portable read-o-graph sign trailers must not be placed upon a provincial highway right-of-way. Portable read-o-graph sign trailers may be utilized providing they are erected on private property that is zoned commercial and meets all the requirements for the Ministry of Transportation for portable read-o-graph signing;
6. A Sign Permit or a Letter of Approval for any signs erected under these instructions is not required; and
7. Election signs must be removed from the Ministry of Transportation right-of-way and adjacent properties within three (3) working days after Election Day.