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AURORA'S
2026 Municipal
Election

Election Sign Guide



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The following rules and regulations apply to all election signs for the upcoming municipal and school board election on Monday October 26, 2026:

Installation and Removal of Signs

- Election signs shall not be erected prior to the 28th day before Election Day, signs can be placed as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday September 28, 2026.
- Election signs must be removed within seventy-two (72) hours following the closing of polls on Election Day; signs must be removed by: Thursday October 29, 2026.

Sign Locations and Placement

Mayoral/School Board Trustee/Third Party Advertisers Candidates:

- May place signs at all the intersections listed in Schedule C of By-law No. 5840-16, as amended.

Ward Councillor Candidates:

- Only erect, display signs within the boundaries of the ward for which they have filed nomination papers, and which are listed on this application. The intersections listed in Schedule C are organized by Ward. The placement of election signs in any other ward is prohibited. Please refer to Schedule C of By-law No. 5840-16, as amended.
- A maximum of one (1) election sign, per candidate, is allowed on any one (1) private lot or premises.
- At any one time, a maximum of two (2) elections signs on each intersection listed in the Schedule "C" of this by-law, with no more than one (1) election sign per each corner of an intersection.
- Election signs are not allowed on Town owned lands except that each candidate is allowed to erect a maximum of two (2) Election Signs on each intersection listed in the attached Schedule C, of the Sign Bylaw Number 5840-16, as amended, with no more than one (1) Election Sign per each corner of an intersection.
- Election signs shall not obstruct pedestrian and vehicle sight lines.
- Election signs and vehicle election signs are not allowed on property designated as a Voting Location, on Town-owned or Town-operated property, or within 30 metres of those properties.

Sign Specifications

- Election signs shall not exceed 1.22 metres (4 feet) in height or width. Height is measured from ground level to the top of the sign. Vehicle election signs are exempt from the height restriction.
- Election Signs shall not be digital or illuminated.
- Election signs shall not display the Town's logo, crest, or seal in whole or in part.
- Election signs shall not obstruct pedestrian and vehicle sight lines.

- No person shall erect or maintain election signs that are in contravention of the Canada Elections Act S.C. 2000, c. 9, Election Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.6, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched. or any other relevant legislation.
- Any election sign found to be in violation of Sign Bylaw Number 5840-16 as amended is subject to seizure by the Town and any such seized signs shall be stored for a redemption period of 30 days following the election.
 - o A candidate, registered third-party advertiser or any person acting on the behalf of a candidate or registered third party advertiser, may retrieve a sign stored by the Town but the Town may destroy or otherwise dispose of any election sign that has not been retrieved following the aforementioned redemption period (30 days) period without notice or compensation to any person.

Related Information:

- A landlord, person, condominium corporation or agent may set reasonable conditions relating to the size or type of signs and may prohibit the display of signs in common areas of the building, but no landlord, condominium corporation or any of its agents may prohibit the owner or tenant of a unit from displaying signs in relation to an election on the premises of their unit.
- Removing, damaging or vandalizing election signs is a criminal offence. People found committing such offences can face charges under the Criminal Code of Canada.
- If an election sign is posted on private property, any person entering onto private property to attempt to commit an illegal act in relation to election signs is also guilty of trespassing and could be charged under the Trespass to Property Act.

Private Property

- Before placing a sign on private property permission must be obtained by the property owner.
- Only one (1) sign is permitted per (1) one private lot.
- Private property owners may remove signs that were placed without permission and dispose of them without contacting the Town of Aurora or candidate.
- Private property owners may contact the Town of Aurora By-law Services to request the removal of a sign that has been placed on their property without permission. The sign will be removed and stored for the applicable retention period.
- Private property owners may also contact the candidate to have a sign removed that was place without permission.

YORK REGION ROADS/INTERSECTION

Election signs located on Regional Roads and at regional intersections are subject to additional restrictions. For more information regarding placement requirements and restrictions, please refer to York Region's Election Sign Guidelines.

Please note that York Region's Sign Bylaw was recently updated (January 1, 2026), and an additional permit/application from York Region is required for election signs placed on Regional Roads and Intersections.

Please visit: <https://www.york.ca/newsroom/news/election-sign-guidelines>

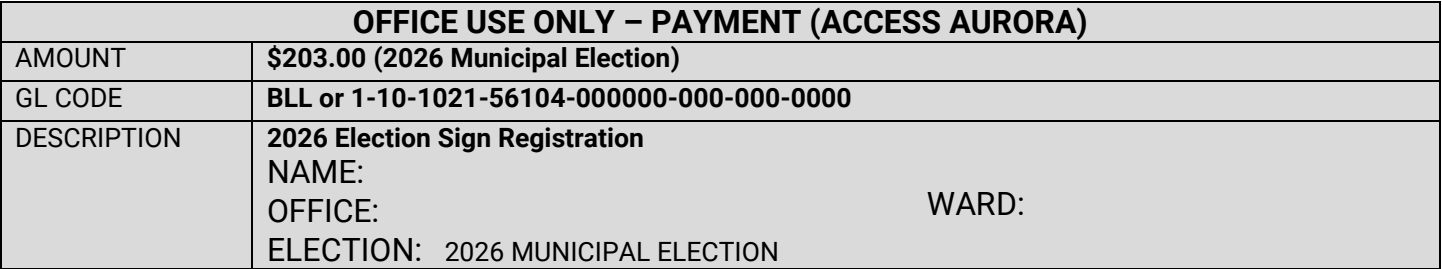
Should you have any questions, please contact Bylaw Services at **905-727-1375** or bdepartment@aurora.ca

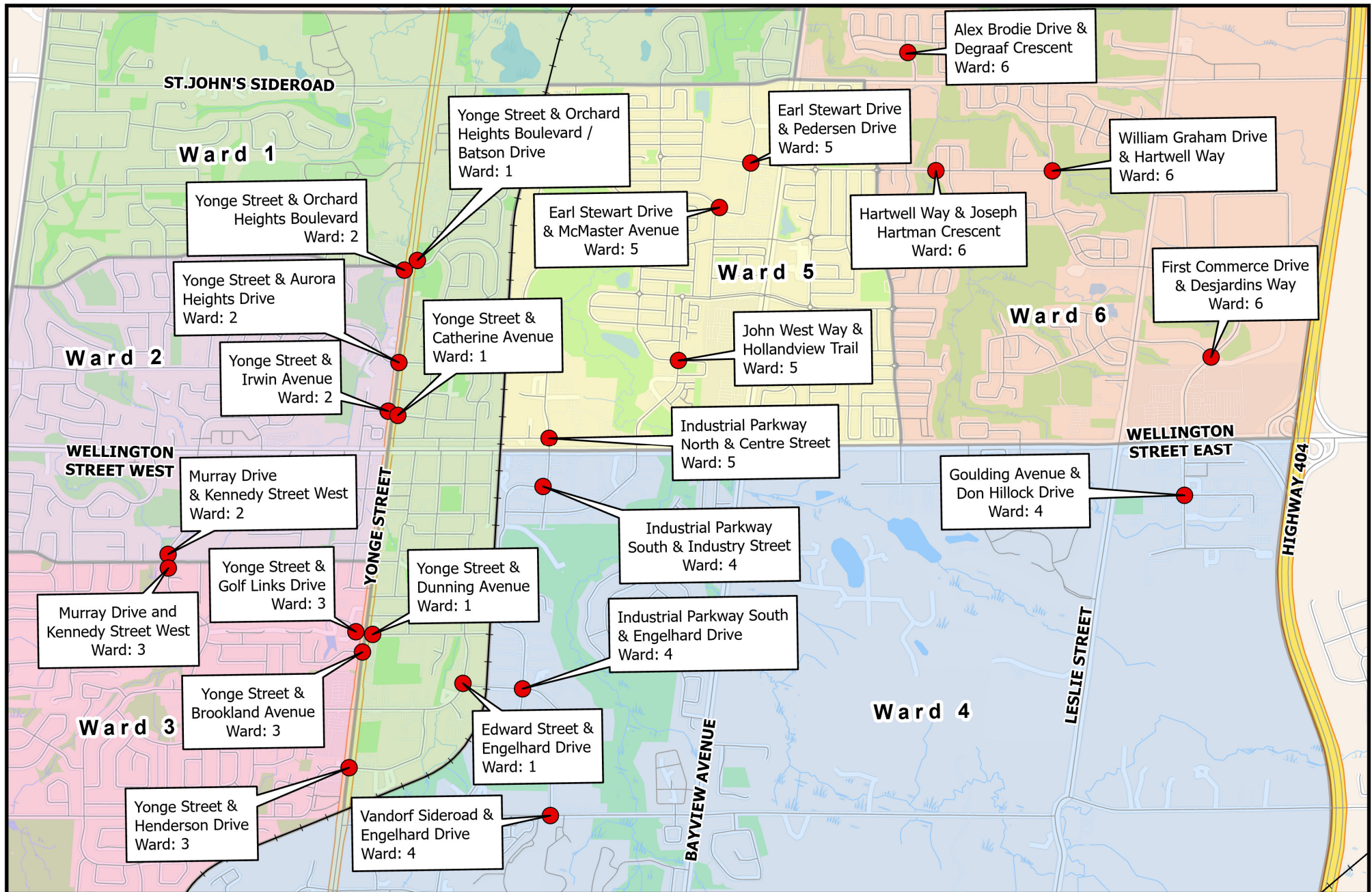


1. Fill out the information below.
2. Submit application and \$203.00 Election Sign Registration fee, in person at Town Hall, 100 John West Way.
3. Please include a photo/rendering of the signs that you will be using

Please select applicable:	Municipal Election Candidate	School Board Trustee
	Provincial Election Candidate	Federal Election Candidate
		Third Party Advertiser

This application may contain personal information as defined under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The information collected is required pursuant to the terms of the *Municipal Act* and will be used by the Corporation of Town of Aurora to process the application and to issue a Sign Permit. Information will also be used for administration of such permit, and for law enforcement purposes to ensure compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations and by-laws. Questions relating to the collection of this information should be directed to the Manager of Bylaw Services, 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6J1, please email bdepartment@aurora.ca





ELECTION SIGN PERMITTED LOCATIONS

BY LAW NUMBER 5840-16

LEGEND



Permitted
Location



Ward 1



Ward 2



Ward 3



Ward 4



Ward 5



Ward 6

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Metres



The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

By-law Number 6785-26

Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, respecting signs within the Town of Aurora.

Whereas on March 29, 2016, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora (the "Town") enacted By-law Number 5840-16, respecting signs within the Town of Aurora;

And whereas the Council of the Town deems it necessary and expedient to amend By-law Number 5840-16, as amended;

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora hereby enacts as follows:

1. Section 1 – Definitions of By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, be and is hereby amended by deleting subsection 1.17 and replacing it with the following:

"1.17 "election sign" shall mean any image, words, sign, picture, device, notice or visual medium, or any combination thereof, including, without limitation, any poster, placard, bulletin, banner or vehicle wrap, which:

- (a) depicts, promotes, advertises or provides information about:
 - (i) an individual who is a candidate; or
 - (ii) a referendum issue;
- (b) promotes recognition of or influences persons to vote for or against any candidate or any question or by-law submitted to electors."

2. Section 1 – Definitions of By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, be and is hereby amended by adding the following:

"1.59 "Applicable Election Legislation" shall mean the *Canada Elections Act*, S.C. 2000, c. 9, *Election Act*, R.S.O. 1990, *Election Finances Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.6, and the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched., each as amended or re-enacted from time to time, as the context requires;

1.60 "candidate" shall mean a candidate nominated for election pursuant to Applicable Election Legislation;

1.61 "election period" shall mean:

- (a) for an election pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched., the period commencing at 12:01 a.m. on the 28th day prior to voting day and ending 72 hours following the close of polls on voting day; and
- (b) for an election pursuant to federal or provincial Applicable Election Legislation, the period commencing on the date of issue of the writ of election and ending 72 hours following the close of polls on the date of the election;

- 1.62 “redemption period”** shall mean thirty (30) days following the date of the election;
- 1.63 “referendum issue”** shall mean a question, law or bylaw submitted to the electors under Applicable Election Legislation;
- 1.64 “third party advertiser”** shall mean, in respect of an election governed by Applicable Election Legislation, any individual, corporation or entity that is required under such legislation to register, or that has registered, as a third party or registered third party in order to engage in election, political or third party advertising in relation to that election;
- 1.65 “vehicle election sign”** shall mean any form of Election Sign displayed in or on a vehicle or trailer, but does not include displays where the total area of all such signs displayed on the vehicle or trailer does not, in aggregate, exceed 200 square centimetres.”
3. Section 5.14 of By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, be and is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

“5.14 ELECTION SIGNS:

For the purposes of this subsection, an intersection shall mean the Town owned lands within fifty (50) metres of the point of intersection of the centre lines of the intersecting streets and shall exclude any roadways and areas used for vehicular traffic, any centre median, roundabouts, traffic circles and traffic islands.

For clarity, this subsection 5.14 consists of and includes the following subclauses 5.14.1, 5.14.2 and 5.14.3.

5.14.1 Election Sign Regulations

The following regulations shall apply to all election signs:

- (a) election signs shall not be erected prior to the election period;
- (b) election signs shall be removed at the end of the election period;
- (c) election signs shall not exceed 1.22 metres in height, measured from ground level to the top edge of the sign, unless the sign is a vehicle election sign;
- (d) election signs shall not exceed 1.22 metres in height or width;
- (e) election signs shall not be digital or illuminated;
- (f) election signs shall not display the Town’s logo, crest, or seal in whole or in part;
- (g) election signs shall identify the candidate, the third party advertiser or the person who erected or caused such an election sign to be erected;
- (h) on any (1) private lot or premises,
 - (i) no more than one (1) election sign per each candidate shall be erected at any one time, and

- (ii) no more than one (1) election sign shall be erected with respect to any question on a ballot or a referendum issue at any one time;
 - (i) election signs are not allowed on Town owned lands except that:
 - (i) each candidate is permitted to erect, or cause to be erected,
 - (ii) in the case of a municipal election, each third party advertiser, registered pursuant to and acting in compliance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched., is permitted to erect, or cause to be erected, and
 - (iii) in the case of provincial or federal political election, question on a ballot or a referendum, a person, who is not the candidate or under the direction of the candidate, acting in compliance with any applicable provincial and/or federal legislation is permitted to erect, or cause to be erected,
- at any one time, a maximum of two (2) elections signs on each intersection listed in the Schedule "C" of this by-law, with not more than one (1) election sign per each corner of an intersection;
- (j) election signs shall not obstruct pedestrian and vehicle sight lines;
 - (k) election signs shall only be erected in the ward or electoral district in which the candidate to whom the election sign relates is running, and this requirement does not apply to election signs relating to an office elected at large or to a referendum or other ballot question;
 - (l) election signs shall comply with registration requirements set out in subclause 5.14.3;
 - (m) no vehicle election sign shall be displayed on any land on which voting is conducted in an election, on any land on which a building or facility owned or operated by the Town is located, or within 30 metres of any property line of any such land;
 - (n) no person shall erect or maintain election signs that are in contravention of the Applicable Election Legislation or any other relevant legislation.

5.14.2 Sign Seizure

Any election sign, or any sign relating to an election, found to be in contravention of this by-law may be seized by the Town. Any sign seized pursuant to this section shall be stored for up to the redemption period, during which time it may be retrieved by a person registered in association with the sign. Any sign not retrieved within the redemption period may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Town without notice or compensation to any person.

5.14.3 Registration

A candidate or third party advertiser seeking to place an election sign shall submit an application form to the Town in a manner determined by the Director for registration which shall include the following information:

- (a) the name and contact information of the registrant;

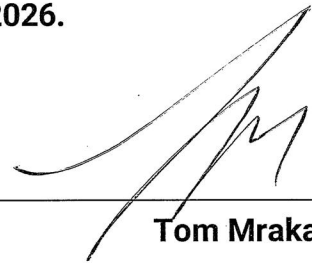
- (b) the name and contact information of any agent of the registrant;
- (c) confirmation by the registrant that an election sign may be placed pursuant to Applicable Election Legislation; and
- (d) a detailed description of the sign or signs for which the registration form is being submitted;
- (e) the applicable fee in accordance with Schedule "A" of this by-law; and
- (f) such other information as the Director may determine appropriate.

For the purposes of this by-law, an election sign shall be deemed not to comply with this by-law unless a complete registration has been submitted to and approved by the Director in respect of such election sign, and the applicable fee has been paid.

The application fee shall be non-refundable."

- 4. FEES AND SECURITIES in Schedule "A" to By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, be and is hereby amended by adding paragraph (j):
 - "(j) election sign candidate and third party registration fee pursuant to 5.14.3: \$203.00 per application."
- 5. Schedule "C" to By-law Number 5840-16, as amended, be and is hereby deleted and replaced with Schedule "C" attached and forming part of this by-law.

Enacted by Town of Aurora Council this 26th day of May, 2026.



Tom Mrakas, Mayor



Anne Kantharajah, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE “C” TO BY-LAW NUMBER 5840-16

List of Town intersections on which election signs are permitted in accordance with subsection 5.14 of this by-law:

Ward	Intersection
1	Yonge Street & Dunning Avenue
1	Yonge Street & Catherine Avenue
1	Yonge Street & Orchard Heights Boulevard / Batson Drive
1	Edward Street & Engelhard Drive
2	Yonge Street & Aurora Heights Drive
2	Yonge Street & Orchard Heights Boulevard
2	Yonge Street & Irwin Avenue
2	Murray Drive & Kennedy Street West
3	Yonge Street & Golf Links Drive
3	Yonge Street & Brookland Avenue
3	Yonge Street & Henderson Drive
3	Murray Drive and Kennedy Street West
4	Goulding Avenue & Don Hillock Drive
4	Vandorf Sideroad & Engelhard Drive
4	Industrial Parkway South & Engelhard Drive
4	Industrial Parkway South & Industry Street
5	Earl Stewart Drive & Pedersen Drive
5	Earl Stewart Drive & McMaster Avenue
5	Industrial Parkway North & Centre Street
5	John West Way & Hollandview Trail
6	First Commerce Drive & Desjardins Way
6	William Graham Drive & Hartwell Way
6	Hartwell Way & Joseph Hartman Crescent
6	Alex Brodie Drive & Degraaf Crescent

YORK REGION MUNICIPAL ELECTION SIGN GUIDELINES

This guide outlines key requirements for election signs on Regional roads in York Region. These are based on York Region's [Signs on Regional Roads Bylaw](#) and are intended to ensure road safety, as well as accessible and clear standards for all candidates.

Election Sign Permit Application

Before placing any election signs on Regional roads, candidates must obtain an election sign permit with York Region.

Complete an application form with:

- Your name and contact information
- Contact information for your campaign representative/agent (if applicable)
- Confirmation that your signs comply with election laws, including submission of an image of the proposed sign for compliance review
- Pay the required permit fee which allows up to 50 signs (\$310)

York Region will review your application to ensure your signs meet the bylaw requirements. Once approved, your signs will receive permit stickers (maximum of 50).

Apply for Permit

Permit Stickers

- Stickers are required for all election signs placed on Regional roads
- Permit stickers will be available beginning Wednesday, July 15, 2026
- Permit sticker pickup:
 - In-person by appointment at 90 Bales Drive East, Town of East Gwillimbury
 - Appointments are scheduled by emailing permits@york.ca
 - Stickers are available from July 15 to September 27

Election Sign Placement

- Each candidate can place up to 50 election signs at [designated regional intersections](#)
- Signs must meet the size requirements of 1.22 metres (4 feet) high by 1.22 metres (4 feet) wide
- Mounted on wood, plastic or composite stake(s)
- Installation is permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Must have a valid permit identifier sticker attached in the upper corner, facing the road
- Signs can be installed starting the 28th day prior to election day, on September 28, 2026
- Signs must be removed within 72 hours after polls close
- Installation and removal of election signs is the responsibility of election candidates or their representatives

Permitted Locations

- Signs can be placed only at [designated intersections on Regional roads](#)
- One sign per designated intersection, per candidate, within 40 metres of the intersection corner

Restricted Locations

- Signs cannot be placed:
 - At restricted intersections and roundabouts
 - On medians, traffic islands or centre boulevards
 - In areas that obstruct sightlines or interfere with traffic signage
 - Within five metres (17 feet) of fire hydrants, bus stops, transit shelters or benches
 - Within three metres (10 feet) lateral distance from the edge of the road pavement or back of curb
 - Within 10 metres (33 feet) lateral distance from the intersection or driveway pavement edge

Placement Restriction Diagram

[View page 3](#) of this document for sign placement restriction diagram.

Important Notes for Candidates

- Candidates are encouraged to:
 - Install signs safely to avoid damage to utilities or infrastructure
 - Obtain utility clearances (Ontario One Call)
- Non-compliant signs may be removed by York Region
- Signs removed by the Region:
 - Are held until after election day
 - Can be picked up within 30 days after election day
 - Will be recycled or disposed of after 30 days

More Information

- [Road Use and Road Sign Permits](#)
- [Election Sign Guidelines](#)
- [Permitted Locations Interactive Map](#)

Placement Restriction Diagram

Note: Diagram not to scale.

