

The Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region

By-law Number 18-04-1058

A by-law to establish a Municipal Election Sign Policy

Whereas, Section 12 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, states that a Clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation, and in the Clerk's opinion, necessary or desirable for conducting the election; and

Whereas, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region deems it expedient and necessary, on the advice of the Clerk, to establish a Municipal Election Sign Policy to provide greater clarity with regard to campaign signs;


Now therefore Council of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region enacts as follows:

1. That the Municipal Election Sign Policy is hereby established to provide candidates, third parties, staff and the public with guidance related to campaign election signs.
2. That the corporate policy attached shall form a part of this by-law.
3. This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of April, 2018.



Hal Johnson, Mayor



Robert H.A. Tremblay, Clerk

Policy: Municipal Election Sign Policy
Main Contact: CAO/Clerk
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Policy Statement

The Township of Whitewater Region is committed to ensuring that municipal elections are fair by providing clear guidance on the placement of election campaign signs.

Purpose

To provides candidates, third-party advertisers, staff and the public with information on the proper location of campaign signs.

Definitions

“**Election Sign**” means any sign advertising or promoting the election of candidates.

“**Township**” means the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region.

Policy Requirements

1. No election sign shall be erected or displayed prior to the close of nominations for a municipal election.
2. An election sign may only be erected on private property with the owner or tenant’s permission.

3. No election sign shall be permitted on municipal property, whether owned or leased, with the only exception being along municipal road allowances.
4. Notwithstanding Section 3, signs shall not be permitted within the road allowance abutting a polling station, home for the aged or voter help centre.
5. Signs shall not be permitted on traffic islands or medians.
6. Large sign assemblies are not permitted within the road allowance.
7. Smaller single post or wire frame signs shall be permitted along the edge of the roadway as long as they do not interfere with site lines and the flow of motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
8. Signs may not be attached to any existing sign posts or light poles along roads.
9. Any signs deemed to be creating a hazard will be removed. The signs can be picked up at the applicable County Patrol or Township garage. Signs not picked up by the end of the election shall be destroyed.
10. Candidates have one week after the election to remove signs from the road allowance. Signs not removed will be destroyed.

Monitoring

The CAO/Clerk, who serves as Returning Officer, shall be responsible for receiving complaints and/or concerns related to this policy.

Authority

Section 12 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, states that a Clerk who is responsible for conduction an election may provide for any matter or procedure that is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation, and in the Clerk's opinion, necessary or desirable for conduction the election. Signs found to be in contravention will be removed under the Clerk's direction pursuant to Section 12.

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Change History

Policy Name	Effective Date	Significant Changes	By-law No.
Municipal Election Sign Policy	May 2018	New policy	2018-04-1058