



Election Signs

For Business

Definition

Election advertising means advertising erected in association with the holding of a Local Government, Northern Territory or Commonwealth election.

Do I need a Council Permit?

Permits are not required for election signs that comply with the conditions of CoD's Outdoor Advertising Signs Code. **Non complying signs require a Council permit.**

Conditions to Display Election Signs

A permit is not required for election advertising signs provided they are:

- Erected on a temporary basis not more than 6 weeks prior to an election and removed within 1 day after it, subject to any law relating to election advertising;
- At no time place on public land other than a designated polling place including Council land, Northern Territory Government land and Commonwealth land;
- Not placed so as to obscure the view of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic;
- No greater than 1.5m² in area; and
- Not illuminated or animated.

Signs directing people to designated polling places for the purpose of an election are also exempt from the Signs Code provided the signs:

- Are erected on a temporary basis not more than 1 day prior to an election and removed within 1 day after it, subject to any law relating to election advertising;
- Are at no time placed so as to obscure the view of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic; and
- Do not include any advertising.

Fees

Should a permit be required, an application fee in accordance with current Council Fees and Charges is payable at the time of application.

Signs Displayed without a Council Permit

It is an offence under Council By-Law 188 for a sign to be placed on public land without a valid Council permit. Council officers may remove the sign with or without written notification. Infringement Penalty Notices may also be issued for this offence. A sign removed by Council officers may incur a fee for the return of the sign.

Election Signs on Northern Territory Government Roads

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Election Signage Policy does not prevail over City of Darwin's Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

Election Sign Authorisation/Regulations

Queries relating to Electoral Signage authorisation should be referred to Northern Territory Electoral Commission on 1800 MY VOTE.

Further Information

For information on election advertising signs and CoD's Outdoor Advertising Signs Code call 8930 0683. The Code and application forms are available on the CoD website: www.darwin.nt.gov.au

For further information on election regulations contact the NT Electoral Commission on 1800MY VOTE or online www.ntec.nt.gov.au