

## Frequently Asked Questions

**I have questions about an Election Sign or wish to make a complaint about an Election Sign I feel has been placed illegally, who do I call?** All questions about Election Signs and/or complaints should be directed to the Municipal Enforcement Officer in your Area at 905-318-5932. You can also contact your respective government office for Federal and Provincial Election signs.

**My sign has been removed by the County. Am I (the candidate) liable to a charge?** You may be charged under the *Provincial Offences Act*.

**What happens to my Election Sign after it's been removed?** Illegal signs removed by the County may be disposed of or impounded at the discretion of the enforcement officer. Impounded signs will be held for up to 30 days after which time they may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of without notice and/or compensation.

**Will the County contact me prior to the removal of my election sign?** Where time permits and the sign is not considered a safety hazard, the candidate *may* be given the opportunity to remove the illegal sign. The County will remove the sign without prior notice if, at the discretion of the enforcement officer, the sign is considered to be a safety hazard; if it is located on voting location property, County property or a road allowance; or the candidate has not removed it after being notified.

**My election sign has been vandalized. Who do I call?** Call the OPP Haldimand Detachment, Cayuga Office at 905-772-3322.

**What is the permitted size for my Election Signs?** The maximum allowable area for Election Signs is 1.2 square metres in area. The maximum allowable height is 2.0 m.

**How many Election Signs can be placed on a property?** There is no limit on the number of Election Signs that can be placed on private property provided the permission of the property owner has been obtained.

## Building & By-law Division Contact Information

### Web Address

[www.haldimandcounty.on.ca](http://www.haldimandcounty.on.ca)

### Phone Number

905-318-5932

### County Office Locations

Caledonia Satellite Office  
282 Argyle Street South  
Caledonia, ON N3W 1K7

Hagersville Satellite Office  
1 Main Street South  
Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Dunnville Satellite Office  
1-117 Forest Street  
Dunnville, ON N1A 1B9

### Office Hours

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This pamphlet has been prepared for information purposes only. It is not an official version of the County's Sign By-law. Please refer to By-law 1064/10 and its amendments for specific wording.

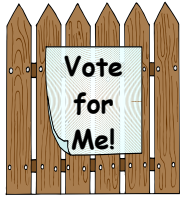


## A Candidate's Guide to Election Signage in Haldimand County



## Timing of Election Signs

No permit is required to erect Election Signs, provided they comply with the provisions of the County's Sign By-law.



### Erecting of Election Signs

You must be a registered candidate before erecting an election sign. Election signs are not permitted to be erected any earlier than 45 days prior to a Municipal Election, or until the Writ has been Issued for Federal and Provincial Elections.

### Removal of Election Signs

Election signs must be removed within 48 hours after the election polls close. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s. 9.4 iii).*

### Campaign Offices

Election Signs erected at a campaign office must also comply with the requirements of the County's Sign By-law.

## Road Allowance

### Provincial Highways

Ministry of Transportation approval may be required before erecting an Election Sign within 400 metres of a Provincial highway. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s.4.10.*



### Road Allowances

Only poster signs as provided in the County's Sign By-law are permitted within road allowances. Election signs are prohibited from being erected within the median of a road allowance, on a sign or other traffic control erected by the County to control traffic and parking. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s. 9.10.ii) a.*



## Voting Locations

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Election signs are not permitted on any premises used as a polling place. The entire property, including the parking lot, adjoining fences, adjacent sidewalks and any abutting road allowances are considered part of the polling place.

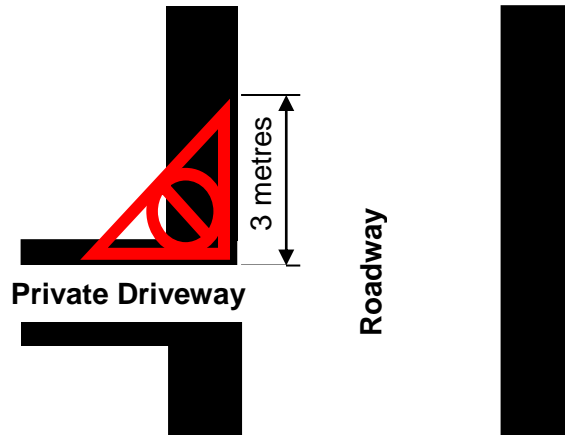


## Visibility Triangles

Election signs are prohibited within a visibility triangle which is required to be kept free of obstructions that could impede the vision of a pedestrian or the driver of a motor vehicle existing onto or driving on a lane, street or private road. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s. 3.1., 6.2 (ix)*

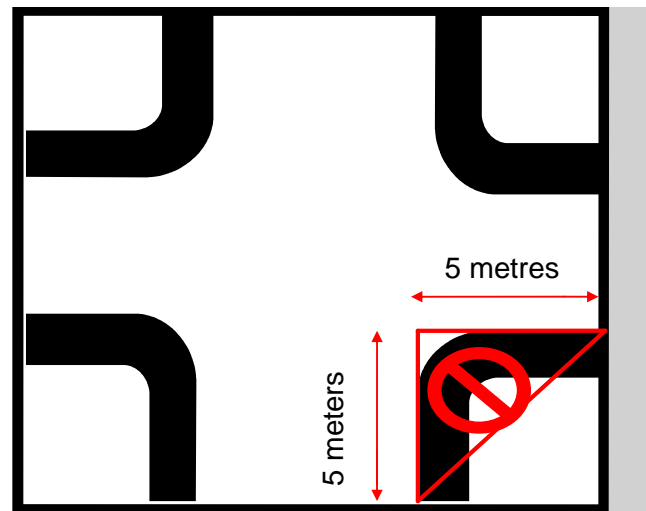
### Private Driveways

Election Signs are prohibited within a driveway visibility triangle at the intersection of a private drive and roadway.



### Intersections

Election signs are prohibited within a visibility triangle at the intersection of two roadways



## Affixing Signs to Trees, etc...



### Signs Attached to...

Election signs may not be attached to a tree or on a sign or traffic control erected by the County to control traffic and parking. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s. 6.2(v), 9.10. ii) a.*

## Open Space Lands

### Public Parks & Property



Election signs are not permitted on lands designated as Open Space within the County's Zoning By-law. Open Space Lands include public property, parks, campgrounds, fairgrounds and Hazard Lands. Public property means property owned or under the control of Haldimand County, Provincial and Federal Governments or any of its agencies, boards or commissions. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s. 8.8.*

## General Hazards

### Pedestrians Hazard

Election signs may be removed if, in the opinion of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, they impede or obstruct the necessary view of pedestrians. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s. 6.2(i).*



### Vehicle Hazard

Election signs may not be located where they will interfere with the visibility of any vehicle or where they may cause confusion with a traffic control sign or signal. *Sign By-law No. 1064/10 s. 6.1(v), 6.2(i).*