

**TOWN POLICY NAME:**

Election Signage

NUMBER:

020/2020

REFERENCE:

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ADOPTED BY:

Council

SUPERSEDES:

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008/2006

PREPARED BY:

Administration

EFFECTIVE DATE:

January 5, 2021

TITLE: Election Signage**POLICY STATEMENT**

To establish a written policy, as approved by Council, regarding Election Signage guidelines. The Town of Rocky Mountain House wishes to ensure that Election Signs are placed in a manner that regards the amenities of existing developments, the respect of other Candidates, the safety of the traveling public, and the timeframe that Election Signs can be displayed.

GUIDELINES AND POLICY PROCEDURES**1. Definitions**

- a) "**Candidate**" means a person officially nominated as a Candidate at an Election and his/her authorized agent.
- b) "**Election**" means a Federal, Provincial, Municipal or School Board general Election or by-Election held pursuant to the *Canada Elections Act*, S.C. 2000, Chapter 9, *Election Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter E-1, or the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000 Chapter L-21.
- c) "**Election Sign**" means any sign used to promote a Candidate or party during a municipal, provincial, or federal Election, or any Election held pursuant to the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

2. Municipal Guidelines

- a) Election Signs may be placed on private or public property (with the approval of the owner/public authority) provided that they shall not obstruct the view

of or be liable to be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device or otherwise pose a potential hazard to traffic.

- b) Election Signs are temporary signs and may not be posted or placed any earlier than 30 days prior to the date of a municipal or provincial Elections and 36 days prior to a federal Election and must be removed within 72 hours of the close of Election Day.
- c) Subject to section 2.b of this Policy, Candidates that have removed their Election Signs from public property within 72 hours after the close of the voting stations on Election Day, must ensure that the site is cleaned up and that the holes are filled with a mixture of topsoil and grass seed. If a Candidate fails to remove his or her Election Signs within 72 hours of the close of the voting stations on Election Day, the Town of Rocky Mountain House may remove them, and the Candidate may be liable for the cost of the removal.
- d) Election signs must be placed in a manner so as to not obstruct signs placed by other candidates.
- e) An Election Sign shall not exceed 1.5 m² (square meters) in size, nor 2 m in height. **There is no permit requirement for these signs.**
- f) Election Signs must be no closer than 1 metre from the edge of the pavement or shoulder of a road, provided it is not a provincial highway and meets all other applicable sections of this Policy.
- g) Election Signs shall be placed so as not to obstruct pedestrians.
- h) Election Signs must not be attached to trees, utility poles, or traffic poles. Election Signs must also not be attached or posted in or on any municipal buildings, including anywhere on the property of any municipal building.
- i) When an Election Sign interferes with work being carried out by the Town work crews or contractors doing work on behalf of the Town, the crews may remove such signs. The Town will store these signs at the Engineering and Operations yard until 72 hours after the close of Election Day. After this period, the Town will dispose of any signs which have not been picked up by the Candidates.
- j) Election Signs shall not be permitted at any time inside or on the outside of a building where an Election or advance vote is taking place, as per section 152(1) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and amendments thereto.
- k) Signs that pose immediate hazard to the public will be removed immediately by Town staff, without notification to the Candidate.
- l) When possible, Candidates are encouraged to recycle their Election Signs.


3. Provincial Highway Guidelines

All Alberta Transportation Signage requirements apply for any provincial highways. The Province provides information regarding regulations/guidelines for signage on their highways, here: <https://www.alberta.ca/Election-signs.aspx>.

This Policy rescinds 006/2010.



Tammy Burke, Mayor



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January 6, 2021

Date