

Document 3 – Comparator Review

Every municipality has specific regulations regarding the place of signs. For example, signs cannot create a safety hazard, and municipalities each have specific restrictions for the permitted proximity to roads, boulevards, sidewalks, intersections, etc. Some other notable restrictions are highlighted in the table below, which includes by-law regulations in a number of municipalities of Ontario as of June 2021.

Municipality	Signs permitted on public property	Signs permitted on public right of way	Signs permitted on private property	Timing and / or size restrictions
Ottawa	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>Public Property - permitted 30 days before Voting Day for municipal elections.</p> <p>Private Property - permitted 60 days before Voting Day for municipal elections.</p> <p>Provincial or Federal elections- at issuance of writ.</p> <p>Must be removed within 48 hours after Voting Day.</p> <p>No dimension requirements.</p>
Toronto	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>Public and Private Property - permitted 25 days before Voting Day for municipal elections.</p> <p>Provincial or Federal elections- at issuance of writ.</p> <p>Must be removed within 72 hours after Voting Day.</p> <p>Election signs cannot be larger than 1.2 square metres, except on campaign offices or on billboards/advertisements.</p>
Mississauga	No	No	Yes	<p>Private Property - permitted 29 days before Voting Day for municipal elections.</p> <p>Provincial or Federal elections- at issuance of writ.</p> <p>Must be removed within 48 hours after Voting Day.</p> <p>The by-law only permits election signs to be a maximum of 1.5 square metres.</p>

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Vaughan	No	No	Yes	<p>No Person shall cause or permit the Erection of Election Signs more than six weeks prior to the Election Day.</p> <p>Signs must be removed within 72 hours after voting day.</p> <p>Maximum sign area for such sign is 1.49 square metres.</p>
Brampton	No	No	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maximum of 2 signs per candidate and maximum of 2 signs per Third Party Advertiser (TPA) on residential property.</p> <p>Maximum of 3 signs per candidate and maximum of 3 signs per TPA on other private property.</p>	<p>For municipal elections, signs can be erected after 5 pm 24 days prior to Election Day.</p> <p>For federal and provincial elections, signs can be erected after 5 pm, on the date the Writ of Election is issued. Must be removed within 72 hours after Voting Day.</p> <p>Signs are not to exceed 2 square metres (21.5 square feet) in sign area.</p>
London	No	<p>Yes</p> <p>Typical placement restrictions to ensure safety and visibility on roadway in addition to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no signs in a Boulevard that abuts a Park; • no Election Signs within 10 metres of another Election Sign of the same Candidate. 	Yes	<p>Federal and provincial elections - from the issuance of the writ.</p> <p>For municipal elections - from the close of nominations. No person shall place an Election Sign for a municipal election on a Campaign Office earlier than the day that Candidate has filed their nomination with the City Clerk.</p> <p>Signs to be removed within 96 hours of Voting Day.</p> <p>Cannot have a Sign Area of more than 6 square metres. (other than sign on Campaign Office or a Billboard).</p> <p>Sign height requirements: (a) no more than 1.8 metres when Placed within 3 to 8 metres of the Roadway; (b) no more than 4 metres when Placed beyond 8 metres of the Roadway</p>

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Guelph	No	<p>Yes</p> <p>No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign in any ward that they are not officially nominated or registered in.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Only one doubled-sided Election Sign per Candidate allowed per unit on Private Property.</p> <p>If multiple units signs must be a minimum of 1 metre apart. Only one Election Sign per Candidate per 500 metres of frontage is allowed for commercial/ industrial properties.</p> <p>Candidates may not place (or allow to be placed) an Election Sign in any ward that they are not officially nominated or registered in.</p>	<p>For federal or provincial elections or by-elections, signs can go up as of the day the writ is dropped.</p> <p>For regular municipal elections, signs can go up starting 45 days before Election Day and once a candidate has put in nomination papers or as of Nomination Day for a by-election.</p> <p>Signs to be removed within 72 hours of Voting Day.</p> <p>Election Signs may not have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a sign area of more than 0.47 square metres, except 4.5 square metres in Industrial and Commercial Zones; • a Sign Height more than 2.13 metres;
Windsor	No	No	Yes	<p>For federal or provincial elections or by-elections, signs can go up as of the day the writ is dropped.</p> <p>For municipal elections – Signs must not be displayed prior to the first day of the nomination period.</p> <p>Signs to be removed within 72 hours of Voting Day.</p>
Middlesex Centre	No	No	Yes	<p>May be displayed 60 days prior to an election day.</p> <p>Signs to be removed within 24 hours of Voting Day.</p>
Sudbury	No	No	Yes	<p>No municipal election signs until after 11:59 pm on the nomination date.</p> <p>Signs to be removed within 48 hours of Voting Day.</p> <p>No specific size requirements, but by-law has discretion if size poses safety risks.</p>

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Region of Waterloo	Yes Only regulate regional property.	Yes	Yes	For municipal elections signs are permitted less than 45 days before the voting day of a referendum, a municipal question or a municipal or school board election. For provincial or federal elections, signs are permitted after the issuance of the writ for an election or by-election/ Signs to be removed within 72 hours of Voting Day. Signs can only use wood or wire supports (no T bar, re-bar or angle iron), no more than 2 supports (7centimetres x 7centimetres maximum width); 0.6 to a max of 0.9 metres from the ground, minimum 1 metre between signs and maximum 1.2 metres in with or 0.8 metres in height.
Chatham-Kent	Yes Campaign signs shall not be erected on or over any property owned or occupied by The Municipality, Chatham-Kent Energy, Chatham-Kent P.U.C. or any local board at any time.	Yes	Yes By-laws only regulate public property.	For federal or provincial elections, signs can be posted during the campaign period, meaning the period commencing on the day the election writ is issued and ending on the 5th day after voting day. For municipal elections, the period commences 60 days before voting day and ends on the 5th day after voting day.
Brantford	No	No	Yes	Election Signs may be placed is immediately following the close of nominations on Nomination Day for municipal elections or the date of issuance of the Writ of Election, for Federal or Provincial election. Signs must be removed by 4:30 pm on the 3rd day following Voting Day

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Markham	No, only permitted on boulevards and road allowances.	<p>Yes</p> <p>No more than two election signs per registered Candidate or TPA are permitted at any designated intersection.</p> <p>Election signs shall be erected within 50 metres of the corner, but shall not be erected within the sight triangle.</p> <p>Election signs on public property are prohibited in heritage districts.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Only one election sign per registered Candidate or Third Party Advertiser.</p>	<p>For Federal and Provincial elections, signs may be placed at the drop of the writ.</p> <p>For Municipal elections, signs may be placed no earlier than: (a) 10 am 28 calendar days (4 weeks) prior to Voting Day; or, (b) Nomination Day for a By-Election, if Nomination Day is less than 28 calendar days (4 weeks) prior to Voting Day.</p> <p>Signs may not be placed prior to any candidate or TPA filing their nomination or registration.</p> <p>Dimension requirements - Sign Area :1.49 square metres (16 square feet) Height: 1.22 metres (4 feet) Width: 1.22 metres (4 feet) Height off the Ground: 2 metres (6.6 feet) above the ground.</p>
Kingston	No	No	<p>Yes</p> <p>2 signs permitted per property.</p>	<p>Signs may be placed 30 days before the last voting day in a municipal election or by-election.</p> <p>For a federal or provincial election or by-election, signs may be placed the day the Writ of Election is issued. Signs to be removed within 96 hours of Voting Day.</p> <p>For a municipal Election, no Person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign outside of the boundaries of the Electoral District(s) where the Candidate is running for office.</p> <p>Cannot measure more than 1.0 metre (3.25 feet) by 2.0 metres (6.5 feet) and has a height that is more than 2.15 metres (7.0 feet) above the ground.</p>

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Burlington	No No person shall display an Election Sign at any location other than entirely on private property, however a Vehicle Sign can be displayed by a Candidate on or in a vehicle owned by the Candidate while such vehicle is in use on any Highway in accordance with applicable laws and by-laws.	No	Yes	In the case of a municipal Election, 45 days prior to Voting Day; in the case of a federal or provincial Election, prior to the day the Writ of Election is issued. Signs to be removed within 3 days of Voting Day.
Barrie	No	No	Yes No more than 2 election signs per candidate are permitted on any one piece of land zoned residential. No more than 3 election signs per candidate are permitted on any one piece of land zoned other than residential.	Permitted 30 days prior to election day for municipal elections. For Federal and Provincial elections, signs can be displayed from the day the writ of the election is issued. Signs to be removed within 96 hours of Voting Day. The signs are no larger than 1.22 metres by 1.22 metres (4 feet by 4 feet) and the sign height is no higher than two metres above ground level, save and except signs on campaign offices, billboards and signs displayed indoors.
Niagara Falls	No	No	Yes	Permitted for Municipal Election no earlier than 45 days prior to voting day. Federal or Provincial election or by-election no earlier than the day the Writ of Election or by-election is dropped. Signs to be removed within 48 hours of Voting Day.

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Hamilton	<p>No</p> <p>Sign must be displayed on private property, except if displayed as a Poster.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>For a federal or provincial election, signs may be displayed no earlier than the date the writ of election is issued, with the exception of signage at a building where a candidate maintains his or her campaign office.</p> <p>For municipal elections, signs may be displayed no earlier than 28 days prior to voting day, with the exception of signage at a building where a candidate maintains his or her campaign office.</p> <p>Signs to be removed within 3 days of Voting Day.</p> <p>Maximum sign area of 1.5 square metres; for an Election Sign with a sign area larger than 1.5 square metres, all applicable regulations of this By-law apply provided no permit, except a permit under the <i>Building Code Act, 1992</i> if applicable, is required;</p>