



Effective Date: **March 6, 1998**

Traffic Control Device: **Signs**
Division: **Private**
Subject: **Election Posters**

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Purpose

Election posters or election signs located on the highway right-of-way are cause for few real concerns. However, when erected close to a traffic control device or when they obstruct motorists' vision, they can affect safe traffic operations.

Policy

Election posters or election signs will be permitted on the highway right-of-way provided that:

- they do not create an obvious hazard such as obstructing the vision of traffic leaving or entering the highway
- they are not installed within 25 m of any traffic sign or signal
- they are not installed in the median of a divided highway
- they are not installed closer than 1 m to the shoulder line. (Larger signs should be installed further away from the roadway.)
- they are **not** installed on Department traffic control devices (sign posts, etc.)

In the event that election posters or election signs are found to be in contravention of these guidelines, or that they are not removed within seven days of the election, the office of the local political candidate will be asked to relocate or remove them.

In the event that offending posters or signs are not removed within 48 hours, they may be removed according to Section 8(5) of the Highways and Transportation Department Act. At the direction of the Regional Maintenance Engineer/Manager, they may be stored for seven days at the local maintenance yard, following which time they may be disposed of or destroyed.

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