

Local Election Signs Guidelines 2019



There are limitations on the content, erection and placement of local election signs within the Waitomo District. The following provides guidance to ensure compliance with the Public Places Bylaw 2009 and the Waitomo District Council (**WDC**) Operative District Plan (**District Plan**).

All election signs must:

- not be displayed or erected earlier than three (3) months prior to the election, and removed before election day (before midnight on the **11 October 2019**);
- clearly display the name and address (not a PO Box) of the person responsible for displaying the sign. Where the sign provides an endorsement of a candidate, the sign must also contain the name and address of the organisation or body endorsing the candidate in the advertisement (these statements are exempt from the lettering sizes stated above); and
- be erected in a secure manner, not be a hazard to the public or to traffic safety, and must meet any NZTA rules for signage if on a State Highway.

Signs on Public Land

Public Land includes any public place, reserve, road, footpath, public building, bridge, berm and state highway and includes poles, trees, WDC fences or other structures on public land (including vehicles and trailers).

No election signs are permitted on or upon or against any public land without the prior written approval of WDC's Chief Executive.

Any sign permitted by WDC to be erected on or upon or against public land must meet the sign requirements specified in section 8 of the Public Places Bylaw 2009, which can be found at the link below, or a copy is available from WDC, Queen St office:

[http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/Documents/Documents/Publications%20and%20Forms/Public%20Places%20Bylaw%202009%20-%20Adopted%20June%202014%20-%20Effective%201%20August%202014%20\(A113904\).pdf](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/Documents/Documents/Publications%20and%20Forms/Public%20Places%20Bylaw%202009%20-%20Adopted%20June%202014%20-%20Effective%201%20August%202014%20(A113904).pdf)

Signs on Private Property

Election signs are permitted on private property (with the owner's consent), but must comply with the District Plan, which can be found at the link below, or a copy is available from WDC Queen St office:

<http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/Documents/Documents/District%20Plan/District%20Plan%20Review%202018/Corrigendum%20amendments/19-Signs.pdf>

In summary, the rules require:

- that the area of the sign must not exceed 3m²;
- no more than one (1) sign is permitted per site; and
- in Residential and Rural Zones, the signs must not contain more than 30 characters and/or symbols.

Subject to the location of the sign, every sign that is displayed or erected must comply with the District Plan or the Public Places Bylaw 2009.

Any election sign displayed or erected on public property without consent or NZTA land will be removed.

Any queries relating to election signs should be directed to: Electoral Officer, Warwick Lampp, iro@electionz.com or ph. 0800 398 683.