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<i>Elections Signs – General Conditions Applicable To All Areas</i>	<i>Adopted</i>	<i>Ordinary Council Meeting</i>	<i>12/03/2019</i>	<i>A95468</i>



OPOTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

**ELECTIONS SIGNS –
GENERAL
CONDITIONS
APPLICABLE TO ALL
AREAS POLICY**

BACKGROUND

Election signs can cause visual clutter and distract drivers. However, the Electoral Act 1993 specifies how long such signs can be displayed and removed.

PURPOSE

The placement of elections signs on private land needs to be managed to avoid where ever possible distractions to drivers due to visual clutter that might result in traffic accidents.

POLICY

- (a) All permits and permission to be subject to the condition that signs be removed on the day prior to the election.
- (b) Erection and siting to be to the satisfaction of the officer delegated to make the decision.

CONDITIONS FOR ERECTION OF TEMPORARY ELECTION SIGNS (as determined by the Ōpōtiki District Council Control of Signs Bylaw 2008)

The erection of temporary election signs will be required to comply with the following conditions:

- 1.0 The maximum size for temporary signs is 1.8m².
- 2.0 Election signs will only be permitted on private land and the owner's consent is required.
- 3.0 Election signs will not be permitted on Council owned or Council controlled lands or roads.
- 4.0 Signs shall be sited so that they do not cause any obstruction to or restrict the vision of vehicle operators.
- 5.0 No temporary sign shall be erected within 6m of an intersection or on a roundabout.
- 6.0 The Opotiki District Council retains the right to require the position of any sign to be moved, or the sign to be removed due to Condition 4.0 above.
- 7.0 Election signs shall not be erected more than one (1) calendar month prior to Election Day.
- 8.0 Election signs shall be removed in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act 1996.

An application for the erection of election signs is not required.

DELEGATIONS

The following position holders have delegated authority from Council using the policy principles above: The officer delegated to make the decision.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Electoral Act 1993.

Ōpōtiki District Council Control of Signs Bylaw 2008.