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| <p>This information summarises rules applying to candidate and party temporary local election signage. These rules come from a number of sources including the Christchurch District Plan, the Local Electoral Act 2001, Christchurch City Council and New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) bylaws, and the resource consent for the erection of temporary local electoral signage. Please refer to these documents for further detail.</p> <p>The Local Electoral Act 2001 (section 113) details the requirements that all electoral advertising, including signage, must comply with. Temporary election signs must include a statement of authorisation or endorsement setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The true name of the person or persons for whom or at whose direction the sign has been erected and the address of his or her residence or place of business; and</li> <li>• The true name of the organisation or body that has endorsed the erection of the sign and the address of the place of business of that organisation or body.</li> </ul> <p>In 2019 polling day is Saturday 12 October. Temporary local electoral signage (which might otherwise exceed the District Plan limits on size or number of signs) is permitted within the limits specified below for a period of nine weeks before polling day and must be removed by midnight before polling day. <u>Therefore, this additional signage is authorised from Saturday 10 August until midnight Friday 11 October 2019.</u></p> <p>It is the responsibility of the owner of each election sign to ensure that their sign and any supporting structure adhere to the legislation and rules. Council’s Regulatory Compliance Unit may remove any sign that does not comply.</p> <p>Questions regarding the content of local electoral signage and advertising should be made to the Electoral Officer 03 941 8581, <a href="mailto:elections2019@ccc.govt.nz">elections2019@ccc.govt.nz</a></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Plan: <a href="https://districtplan.ccc.govt.nz">https://districtplan.ccc.govt.nz</a></li> <li>• Local Electoral Act (section 113): <a href="http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0035/latest/DLM93301.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_local+electoral+act+2001_resel_25_a&amp;p=1">http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0035/latest/DLM93301.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_local+electoral+act+2001_resel_25_a&amp;p=1</a></li> <li>• Public Places Bylaw: <a href="https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/public-places-bylaw-2018/">https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/public-places-bylaw-2018/</a></li> <li>• Traffic and Parking Bylaw: <a href="https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/traffic-and-parking-bylaw-2017/">https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/traffic-and-parking-bylaw-2017/</a></li> <li>• New Zealand Transport Authority State Highway Bylaws: <a href="https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/highways-information-portal/technical-disciplines/state-highway-bylaws/">https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/highways-information-portal/technical-disciplines/state-highway-bylaws/</a></li> <li>• District Plan Property Search website for any location where signage is proposed: <a href="https://districtplan.ccc.govt.nz/PropertySearch/PropertySearchContainer.html">https://districtplan.ccc.govt.nz/PropertySearch/PropertySearchContainer.html</a></li> <li>• Global resource consent (RMA/2019/1080) conditions: available on request from Electoral Officer: phone 03 941 8581, <a href="mailto:elections2019@ccc.govt.nz">elections2019@ccc.govt.nz</a></li> <li>• Electoral Officer: phone 03 941 8581, email <a href="mailto:elections2019@ccc.govt.nz">elections2019@ccc.govt.nz</a></li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Landowner permission to display election signage</b></p> <p>All signage displayed in any location must have the permission of the landowner (not the occupier) of the property on which it is displayed. This includes private, public, Council and Crown-owned land, including NZTA roads (motorways and state highways).</p> <p>Signage without permission is not permitted to be erected on Council land, including roads, footpaths and berms, road structures, trees or in parks.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Requirements for election signage</b></p> <p>The District Plan has rules that control the area, height and number of all signs including temporary local election signs.</p> <p>In the nine weeks leading up to polling day, from 10 August 2019, additional signage is authorised by a resource consent as summarised in this information. Queries regarding resource consent requirements if the following requirements are not met should be made to the Duty Planner, available on 03 941 8999, <a href="mailto:dutyplanner@ccc.govt.nz">dutyplanner@ccc.govt.nz</a></p> <p>Temporary local election signs may not be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflectorized, illuminated, or have any moveable parts.</li> <li>• Flashing or digitised unless they are on existing legally established billboards or digital displays.</li> <li>• Similar to or the same as any traffic sign or controls in shape or colour.</li> <li>• Captive balloons or blimps.</li> <li>• An imitation or replication of a voting paper.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duty Planner phone: 03 941 8999, email: <a href="mailto:dutyplanner@ccc.govt.nz">dutyplanner@ccc.govt.nz</a></li> </ul> |

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| <p>In the nine weeks leading up to polling day, the total number of temporary election signs per site is permitted within the maximum area and size of signs set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum additional area of 3m<sup>2</sup> of signage per site may be placed in addition to any other legal signage existing, consented or permitted by the District Plan.</li> <li>• In zones where more than 3m<sup>2</sup> of signage per site is permitted by the District Plan (e.g. some commercial or industrial zones), temporary election signage may be placed up to the normal signage area limit or 3m<sup>2</sup> whichever is greater.</li> <li>• The maximum height for any part of the sign is 4m above ground level or the façade height of any building, fence or structure it is attached to whichever is lower. Building consent is required for signs over 3m above ground level whether freestanding or attached to a building.</li> <li>• No new individual temporary election sign may be more than 3m<sup>2</sup> in area.</li> <li>• Election signage on protected heritage items or in heritage settings must meet more restrictive standards regarding placement, size and use of protective material.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage in the Papakāinga/Kāinga Nohanga Zone <u>does not have area or height restrictions</u> – being Treaty settlement land owned by Ngāi Tahu or local runanga which has a different set of District Plan rules.</li> <li>• Election signage on most protected heritage items or in heritage settings must meet the more restrictive standards regarding placement, size and use of protective material – see rule 9.3.4.1 P6 in the District Plan – it must not obscure any window, door or architectural feature visible from the exterior of the building.</li> <li>• Local Election Signage within <b>Council</b> road corridors (including roads, footpaths, berms, verges)<br/>Must adhere to District Plan rules and resource consent conditions. Signs affixed to road side of a fence must be flush with the fence, not protrude more than 100 millimetres. Signs affixed to a road boundary fence must comply with the District Plan standards for both sides of the boundary (e.g. both the Residential Zone and Transport Zone standards – whichever is more restrictive)<br/>No free standing signage in road corridor.<br/>No signs attached to any traffic sign, pole, signal, barrier, island, bollard or any transport asset within the road corridor.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Location</b></p> <p>When considering where to put election signage, there are certain restrictions that must be complied with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election signage must not obscure or distract from traffic signals or other traffic safety signs and controls.</li> <li>• Where a temporary sign, including a flag, extends over part of the road reserve, the lowest part of the temporary sign must be at least 2.6m above the ground.</li> <li>• Election signs affixed to or on verandas or projecting from the face of a building must meet additional height and location controls.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage in the Papakāinga/Kāinga Nohanga Zone <u>does not have area or height restrictions</u> – being Treaty settlement land owned by Ngāi Tahu which has a different set of District Plan rules.</li> <li>• Local Election Signage within Council road corridors (including roads, footpaths, berms, verges) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adherence to District Plan and resource consent.</li> <li>- Signs affixed to road side of a fence must be flush with the fence, not protrude more than 100 millimetres. Signs affixed to a road boundary fence must comply with the District Plan standards for both sides of the boundary (e.g. both the Residential Zone and Transport Zone standards – whichever is more restrictive)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs cannot be affixed to any significant tree as defined in the District Plan and restrictions apply on earthworks for signage constructed within 10m of a significant tree.</li> <li>• Freestanding temporary election signs may not be erected in certain areas identified in the District Plan as having special environmental or cultural values (for example, wahi tapu, sites of ecological significance, outstanding landscape features, etc.). Specific details of these areas are detailed in the District Plan.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No free standing signage in road corridor.</li> <li>- No signs attached to any traffic sign, pole, signal, barrier, island, bollard or any transport asset within the road corridor.</li> <li>• Election signs affixed to or on verandas or projecting from the face of a building must meet additional height and location controls – rule 6.8.4.2.5 in the District Plan.</li> <li>• Signs cannot be affixed to any significant tree as defined in the District Plan and restrictions apply on earthworks for signage constructed within 10m of a significant tree – appendices 9.4.7.1 and 9.4.7.2 of the District Plan for the lists of significant trees this applies to.</li> <li>• Areas identified as having special values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Wāhi Tapu / Wāhi Taonga sites of Ngāi Tahu Cultural Significance</u> (as Appendix 9.5.6.1 of the District Plan) or <u>Kaitorete Spit</u> (ID 64, Schedule 9.5.6.2 in the District Plan);</li> <li><u>Sites of Ecological Significance</u> (as per Appendix 9.1.6.1 of the District Plan, including Schedules A and B);</li> <li><u>Indigenous Vegetation areas</u> (as per Appendix 9.1.6.6 of the District Plan);</li> <li><u>Outstanding Natural Features</u> (as per Appendices 9.2.9.2.1, 9.2.9.2.5 and 9.2.9.2.6 of the District Plan);</li> <li>20 vertical metres immediately below the height of any <u>adjoining Important Ridgelines</u> (as shown on the planning maps of the District Plan); and</li> <li><u>Significant Landscape Features</u> (as per Appendices 9.2.9.2.3, 9.2.9.2.5 and 9.2.9.2.6 of the District Plan).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• District Plan Property Search website for any location where signage is proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://districtplan.ccc.govt.nz/PropertySearch/PropertySearchContent.html">https://districtplan.ccc.govt.nz/PropertySearch/PropertySearchContent.html</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Election advertising on vehicles</b></p> <p>Temporary party/candidate signs for the 2019 election on a vehicle are considered temporary local electoral signage. Election advertising on vehicles is permitted when the vehicle is being used for day-to-day transportation, and is being used in accordance with the Council’s Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 and other traffic legislation.</p> <p>Use of a vehicle as a sign, i.e. parked up for the purpose of electoral advertising as opposed to transportation, requires compliance with these temporary local electoral signage rules and the Council’s Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 and Public Places Bylaw 2018.</p> <p>Signage may be painted on or attached flush to vehicles, but should not protrude out from or above the vehicle body.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic and Parking Bylaw: <a href="https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/traffic-and-parking-bylaw-2017/">https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/traffic-and-parking-bylaw-2017/</a></li> <li>• Public Places Bylaw: <a href="https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/public-places-bylaw-2018/">https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/public-places-bylaw-2018/</a></li> <li>• Local Election Signage within Council Road Corridors               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vehicles displaying signage may be used for day to day travel.</li> <li>- Vehicles displaying signage must adhere to traffic controls, not parked in the same location (or within 500 metres) on a road for a continuous period exceeding seven days*.</li> </ul> <p>*conditions consistent with those relating to the parking of motorhomes, immobilised vehicles and trailers.</p> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Election signs on or adjacent to state highways</b></p> <p>Restrictions apply to election signs erected on or adjacent to state highways under the control of the NZTA and within Christchurch district boundaries. Under NZTA bylaws signs will not be permitted on a motorway or state highway road reserve where the speed limit is 70km/hour or above.</p> <p>Contact NZTA with any questions about state highway requirements:</p> <p>Jude Ward, New Zealand Transport Agency<br/>         Network Technician/Corridor Manager, System Design &amp; Delivery<br/>         Phone 03 964 2813, Email <a href="mailto:jude.ward@nzta.govt.nz">jude.ward@nzta.govt.nz</a></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand Transport Authority State Highway Bylaws: <a href="https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/highways-information-portal/technical-disciplines/state-highway-bylaws/">https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/highways-information-portal/technical-disciplines/state-highway-bylaws/</a></li> <li>• Jude Ward, New Zealand Transport Agency<br/>         Network Technician/Corridor Manager, System Design &amp; Delivery<br/>         Phone 03 964 2813, Email <a href="mailto:jude.ward@nzta.govt.nz">jude.ward@nzta.govt.nz</a></li> </ul>  |

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