

YORK REGION MUNICIPAL ELECTION SIGN GUIDELINES

This guide outlines key requirements for election signs on Regional roads in York Region. These are based on York Region's [Signs on Regional Roads Bylaw](#) and are intended to ensure road safety, as well as accessible and clear standards for all candidates.

Election Sign Permit Application

Before placing any election signs on Regional roads, candidates must obtain an election sign permit with York Region.

Complete an application form with:

- Your name and contact information
- Contact information for your campaign representative/agent (if applicable)
- Confirmation that your signs comply with election laws, including submission of an image of the proposed sign for compliance review
- Pay the required permit fee which allows up to 50 signs (\$310)

York Region will review your application to ensure your signs meet the bylaw requirements. Once approved, your signs will receive permit stickers (maximum of 50).

Apply for Permit

Permit Stickers

- Stickers are required for all election signs placed on Regional roads
- Permit stickers will be available beginning Wednesday, July 15, 2026
- Permit sticker pickup:
 - In-person by appointment at 90 Bales Drive East, Town of East Gwillimbury
 - Appointments are scheduled by emailing permits@york.ca
 - Stickers are available from July 15 to September 27

Election Sign Placement

- Each candidate can place up to 50 election signs at [designated regional intersections](#)
- Signs must meet the size requirements of 1.22 metres (4 feet) high by 1.22 metres (4 feet) wide
- Mounted on wood, plastic or composite stake(s)
- Installation is permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Must have a valid permit identifier sticker attached in the upper corner, facing the road
- Signs can be installed starting the 28th day prior to election day, on September 28, 2026
- Signs must be removed within 72 hours after polls close
- Installation and removal of election signs is the responsibility of election candidates or their representatives

Permitted Locations

- Signs can be placed only at [designated intersections on Regional roads](#)
- One sign per designated intersection, per candidate, within 40 metres of the intersection corner

Restricted Locations

- Signs cannot be placed:
 - At restricted intersections and roundabouts
 - On medians, traffic islands or centre boulevards
 - In areas that obstruct sightlines or interfere with traffic signage
 - Within five metres (17 feet) of fire hydrants, bus stops, transit shelters or benches
 - Within three metres (10 feet) lateral distance from the edge of the road pavement or back of curb
 - Within 10 metres (33 feet) lateral distance from the intersection or driveway pavement edge

Placement Restriction Diagram

[View page 3](#) of this document for sign placement restriction diagram.

Important Notes for Candidates

- Candidates are encouraged to:
 - Install signs safely to avoid damage to utilities or infrastructure
 - Obtain utility clearances (Ontario One Call)
- Non-compliant signs may be removed by York Region
- Signs removed by the Region:
 - Are held until after election day
 - Can be picked up within 30 days after election day
 - Will be recycled or disposed of after 30 days

More Information

- [Road Use and Road Sign Permits](#)
- [Election Sign Guidelines](#)
- [Permitted Locations Interactive Map](#)

Placement Restriction Diagram

Note: Diagram not to scale.

