



ELECTORAL SIGNAGE POLICY

POLICY TYPE	POLICY ADOPTED (DATE)	MINUTE NUMBER	POLICY DOCUMENT NUMBER (TRIM)
Council	25 March 2019	58/19 (GFC 16/19)	D574478
DOCUMENT CONTROLLER	RESPONSIBLE MANAGER	STRATEGIC PLAN 2009-2030 (STRATEGY REFERENCE)	DATE OF NEXT REVIEW
General Manager	General Manager	5.3 Council employs best practice governance	July 2021
PURPOSE	To ensure that any form of electoral campaign advertising on Council owned and Council controlled land is prohibited, to enable the Council to retain its a-political status and to ensure that all candidates are subject to the same level of opportunity to display election signage.		
SCOPE	This policy applies to candidates in all Federal, State and local government elections.		
POLICY	<p>1. Definitions:</p> <p>Election Campaign Period (i) For Federal and State elections, from the date on which the election writ is issued until 14 days after the election day; and</p> <p>(ii) For local government elections, from the date of publication of the Notice of Election until 14 days after the close of poll.</p> <p>Location Any one property</p> <p>Electoral Signage Any graphic, pictorial or written display that promotes a candidate or political party vying for election in a Federal, State or local government election or any other elections that may conducted. (Does not include signage displayed as part of a sponsorship agreement between a member of a political party and a sporting/community club or organisation.)</p> <p>2. Placement of electoral signage during an election campaign period in the Devonport municipal area is subject to the following:</p> <p>1.1 the length of display of any sign at one location does not exceed the defined election campaign period;</p> <p>1.2 signs are to be properly installed and secured;</p> <p>1.3 signs are not to project over footpaths;</p> <p>1.4 prior permission for the placement of signs must be obtained by the sign owner from the relevant property owner; and</p> <p>1.5 no sign is to be placed on Council owned or Council controlled property or infrastructure. Any signs that are placed on property owned or controlled by the Council will be removed.</p> <p>3. The Devonport City Council does not permit any election advertising signage to be affixed to any Council owned or Council controlled land</p>		

	<p>or building save and except that election candidates will be permitted to display election signage on registered vehicles on Council controlled highways (including metered spaces) and car parks.</p> <p>4. Electoral signage must comply with the Devonport Interim Planning Scheme 2013</p>			
LEGISLATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS	<p><i>Local Government Act 1993</i> Devonport Interim Planning Scheme 2013</p>			
ATTACHMENT/S (IF APPLICABLE)	N/A			
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)	Is training required as result of this Policy		YES	NO
	Training required by:	Councillors	Staff	Department