

To assist prospective Candidates, the Guidelines for the erection of Election Signs are as follows:

1. Election signs are exempt from requiring approval under the Gympie Regional Council Local Laws, refer Schedule 9, Section 2 of Subordinate Local Law No 1, refer to <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/3647/standards-for-the-conduct-of-prescribed-activities-local-laws->
2. In accordance with this exemption, Election signs:
 - are not to be displayed before the commencement of the election period; and
 - are to be removed before seven (7) days after the conclusion of the election period.
3. It is requested that Election signs or posters:
 - not to be placed on Council property such as street trees, planter boxes, buildings or other structures; and
 - not to be placed on other private property without correct authorisation e.g. Energex power poles, phone boxes etc.
4. For public safety, election signs or posters are requested not to be placed on centre median strips on Council controlled or Main Roads, road verges, roundabouts, traffic islands or within an unsafe distance of intersections, including those controlled by lights. Election signs or posters may be placed on footpaths, but consideration must be given to allowing safe public access. The conditions set out in the guidelines as issued by the Department of Main Roads must be complied with.
5. For public safety, it is recommended for election signs or posters to be constructed of a light frangible material and be of a size no greater than 610mm wide by 915mm high and 5mm thick. Signs may be erected utilising approximately 55mm x 25mm wooden stakes or other such suitable frangible material. The use of metal stakes is not recommended. It is preferred that election signs and posters not be illuminated nor incorporate reflective or fluorescent materials.
6. Appropriate Workplace Health and Safety Standards must be adhered to at all times, including during the erection and removal of all signs and posters.
7. Due care and attention must be paid to the location of all underground services where stakes are to be used. Services such as power, water, gas, communication cables, private stormwater outlet pipes, all traverse our footpaths at various locations.
8. Council accepts no responsibility for any damage which may be incurred or sustained by the erection of election signs or posters.
9. Vandalised/damaged election signs or posters should be removed and/or replaced by the candidate, as soon as practicable.

Any queries can be directed to Council's Governance, Integrity and Risk Team on 1300 307 800.