

Municipal Election 2026

Election Sign Information for Candidates

This information package provides an overview of the regulations for election sign placement on City of Vaughan property and along York Region roads. In addition to this package, registered candidates and their campaign representatives will be contacted to schedule a one-on-one election sign education session with City staff. During this session, staff will review applicable regulations, answer questions and provide guidance on election sign requirements.

The City of Vaughan By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services Department is responsible for enforcement of election sign regulations on City and Regional roads within the City of Vaughan. Enforcement includes proactive patrols of election signs on road allowances to ensure the safe movement of motorists and pedestrians. When signs are in contravention of the Election Sign By-law, they may be removed immediately without notice, and a penalty may be issued to the person(s) who placed or authorized the placement of the sign.

The following provides an overview of requirements and regulations for placing election signs in the City of Vaughan. **All candidates are strongly encouraged to review both the City of Vaughan and York Region sign by-laws for all election sign requirements and restrictions.** For additional information, contact By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services at 905-832-2281 or email bylaw@vaughan.ca.

Sign By-laws

[City of Vaughan Sign By-law 140-2018](#)

[York Region Election Sign By-law](#)

Registration Requirements

City of Vaughan	Candidates must submit the non-refundable Election Sign Fee Form along with the application fee, before displaying any signs
York Region Roads	Candidates and third-party advertisers must register with York Region before placing election signs on a York Regional Road allowance. A non-refundable fee must be paid before permit stickers are issued and before any election signs are displayed on regional roads during the election period



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Sign Placement and Removal Dates

City of Vaughan	Placement	Starting from Monday, September 14, 2026 (6 weeks prior to election day)
	Removal	By end of Thursday, October 29, 2026 (within 72 hours after election day)
York Region Roads	Placement	Starting from 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 28, 2026 (28 days prior to election day)
	Removal	By end of day Thursday, October 29, 2026 (within 72 hours after polls close)

General Sign Guidelines

City of Vaughan	- Election signs may only be placed on private property with the property owner's permission - Signs visible from outside a campaign office must comply with the Sign By-law - Exterior campaign office signs are considered business premises signs and require a permit
York Region Roads	- Maximum 50 signs per candidate on Regional Roads in Vaughan - Each sign on a York Region Road allowance must display a York Region permit identifier sticker

Sign Requirements

City of Vaughan	- Election signs may be no larger than 1.49 square metres - Banner, mobile, or A-frame signs are not permitted
York Region Roads	- Signs must be mounted on wooden, plastic, or composite stakes - Maximum size: 1.22 m (4 ft) high x 1.22 m (4 ft) wide - Signs must be maintained and in a proper state of repair



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Sign Placement

City of Vaughan	• Election signs are permitted to be placed ○ On private property in accordance with the Election Sign Placement Guide • Election signs are not permitted to be placed ○ On municipal property or public road allowances ○ Within 1.0 metre from all street lines ○ within 1.5 metres of any common lot boundary shared with an adjacent lot ○ Within Daylight/Sight Distance Triangles
York Region Roads	• Election signs are permitted to be placed ○ Only in designated intersections ○ One sign per candidate per designated intersection ○ Within 40 metres (131 feet) from the edge of the pavement of the intersecting road • Election signs are not permitted to be placed ○ In a location that impairs or obstructs the visibility of motorists or pedestrians or warning devices including railway, traffic or municipal signs ○ On any centre median, traffic island or centre boulevard within a road allowance ○ In a manner which interferes with the Region's maintenance or construction operations ○ In, on or over the roadway or sidewalk ○ Within 5 metres from a fire hydrant, a transit shelter or a bus stop ○ Within 3 metres lateral distance from the edge of a road pavement ○ Within a 10-metre lateral distance from a driveway pavement edge ○ If the addition of a proposed sign would increase the total number of signs beyond the maximum permitted at that location (5 per corner and 20 per designated intersection)

Recovery of Removed Election Signs

City of Vaughan	Signs removed by City staff may be retrieved under the following conditions: • Pickup is available on Mondays and Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Appointments are required ○ Complete and submit the Election Sign Pickup Form ○ Email the completed form to bylaw.elections@vaughan.ca at least 48 hours before the requested pickup time. • Any signs not recovered by December 28, 2026 will be disposed of by the City
York Region Roads	Signs removed by York Region may be retrieved under the following conditions: • Contact 1-877-464-9675 or email transportation@york.ca and indicate where the signs were placed in Vaughan. • Appointments are required • Signs not retrieved by November 25, 2026 (30 days after October 26, 2026) will be disposed of