

# Local Election Sign Guidelines 2022

There are limitations on the content, erection and placement of local election signs within the Waitomo District. The following provides guidance to ensure compliance with the Public Places Bylaw 2014 and the Waitomo District Council (**WDC**) Operative District Plan (**District Plan**).

## **Election Signs**

No election signs are permitted in or above public areas, this includes reserves, roads, footpaths, buildings, bridges, berms and state highways. Election signs cannot be fixed to utility poles, trees, WDC fences or other structures on public land, including vehicles and trailers.

Election signs are permitted on private property (with the owner's consent) but must comply with the District Plan.

Temporary election signs are a permitted activity in the Waitomo District, and do not require resource consent, provided the following conditions are met:

## **Sign Specifications**

- (a) the area of the sign must not exceed 3m<sup>2</sup>;
- (b) in Residential Zone and Rural Zone, the sign must contain no more than 30 characters and/or symbols;
- (c) lettering sizes on signs in the following speed limits in Residential or Rural Zones, must not exceed the following:

Speed Limit Area	Size of Lettering
50km/hr	75mm - 150mm
60km/hr	85mm - 175mm
70km/hr	100mm - 200mm
80km/hr	125mm - 250mm
100km/hr	175mm - 300mm

- (d) where permitted, illuminated, animated or flashing signs shall not constitute a nuisance to adjoining dwellings or other activities, or a hazard to a vehicular traffic;
- (e) the sign must clearly display the name and address (not a PO Box) of the person responsible for displaying the sign. Where the sign provides an endorsement of a candidate, the sign must also contain the name and address of the organisation or body endorsing the candidate in the advertisement (these statements are exempt from the lettering sizes stated above);

## **Sign Location**

- (f) no more than one (1) sign is permitted per site;
- (g) the signs are displayed or erected no more than three (3) months prior to the election, and removed on the day before the final day of the election;
- (h) distance at which a sign must be visible in Residential or Rural Zones in relation to speed limits, as follows:

Speed Limit Area	Distance Visible
50km/hr	80 metres
60km/hr	105 metres
70km/hr	130 metres
80km/hr	175 metres
100km/hr	250 metres

- (i) signs in Residential or Rural Zones must not obstruct driver visibility:
  - a. of any official roading sign;
  - b. along the road and at intersections and entranceways.

Any temporary signs within 50m of Waitomo Caves Rd, from State Highway 3 to 1km east of the Waitomo Valley Rd intersection or any sign that does not meet the District Plan provisions for temporary signs will require a resource consent.

**Every sign that is displayed or erected must comply with the District Plan.**

**Any election sign displayed or erected on WDC or NZTA land will be removed.**

Any queries relating to election signs should be directed to: Electoral Officer, Warwick Lampp, [iro@electionz.com](mailto:iro@electionz.com) or ph. 0800 398 683.