

This information sheet summarises the rules applying to the placement of election signs on private and public property within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale (the Shire).

All signs, whether election signs or not, must comply with the Shire's Local Planning Policy 4.11: Advertising, however, in accordance with s.61(1)(g) of Schedule 2 to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (WA)* (the Regulations), **development approval is not required for election signs.**

You must also ensure that any printed election material complies with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Electoral Act 1907*.

The below table is a guideline for candidates when considering election signage.

	Private Property	Public Property (property that is owned by the Shire freehold or which is under the care, control and management of the Shire)
Prior consent from the Shire required?	No	Yes
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent from the owner</li> <li>• Complies with Policy Measures – General of LPP 4.11:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Signs must not be illuminated, move, flash, rotate or cause a reflection or otherwise to cause a distraction to road users,</li> <li>○ Content must not be misleading, offensive or derogatory in nature,</li> <li>○ Placement must not pose a health or safety risk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Must not be affixed to any Western Power pole</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complies with Policy Measures – General of LPP 4.11:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Signs must not be illuminated, move, flash, rotate or cause a reflection or otherwise to cause a distraction to road users,</li> <li>○ Content must not be misleading, offensive or derogatory in nature</li> <li>○ Placement must not pose a health or safety risk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is not erected on Shire facilities or assets**</li> <li>• Is not affixed to any tree, Western Power pole or regulatory sign (e.g. street sign, traffic direction sign or parking sign)</li> <li>• Is temporary in nature and not permanently attached to a structure or fixed to the ground or pavement</li> <li>• In addition to the above conditions, signage on thoroughfares and road reserves should also comply with the safe system approach. This is that signs should be:</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Frangible</li><li>○ Not be located within the clear zone</li><li>○ Not impede (obstruct) sight distance</li><li>○ Have a 2.5m minimum vertical clearance to an obstruction.</li></ul>
Timeframe	Election signs may only be erected during the election period, commencing on the day the election is called and removed no later than 48 hours after the election is conducted (s.61(1)(g) of the Regulations)	

\*\*Consent to erect election signs on the Shire's facilities or assets will not be provided as it may be interpreted as having the endorsement of the Shire and conflict with the a-political position that the Shire maintains. The only exception to this is on the day of an election where the facility is being used as a polling place.

\*\*\*Signs on Main Roads (Tonkin Highway, South Western Highway, Thomas Road and Nicholson Road) are under the care and control of Mains Roads WA under the *Main Roads (Control of Advertising) Regulations 1996 (WA)*. Mains Roads WA should be contacted before erecting a sign on a main road.

Shire Officers may remove unauthorised signs where, in the opinion of the Shire, the display of the sign seriously conflicts with:

- the requirements of the Serpentine-Jarrahdale Town Planning Scheme No. 2;
- any Local Planning Policy;
- the orderly and proper planning of a locality;
- the conservation of the amenity of a locality; and
- the health and safety of the public.

## Local Government Election Signage Complaints

The Shire contracts the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) to conduct the local government elections. All complaints regarding election signs should be directed to the Shire's Returning Officer, appointed by the WAEC.

## Require further information or clarification?

For further information or clarification please contact the Shire's Coordinator Community Safety by phone 08 9526 1111 or email [info@sjshire.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@sjshire.wa.gov.au)