



Fact Sheet: Election Signage

Election signage can be placed on public land or private land if certain requirements are met. Find out more below.

Definitions

Election Signage – means a sign which advertises any aspect of a forthcoming Federal, State or Local Government Election.

*Carriageway** – means the part of the road primarily used by vehicular traffic (includes the area from the back end of the kerb from one side of the road to the other, incorporating any parking embayments, median islands, round-a-bouts and traffic calming devices).

*Thoroughfare** – means the whole road reservation, including the verge (area between carriageway and lot boundary) and the carriageway.

*Verge** – means the area of the thoroughfare between the carriageway and lot boundary.

**Refer Figure 1 for diagrammatic guidance.*

Election Signage on private land

You do not need planning/development or building approval for election signage on private land however, as outlined in clause 61 the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (WA), the following requirements need to be met:

- The primary purpose of the sign is for political communication in relation to the election.
- The sign is not erected or installed until after the writ/s have been issued for the election (Commonwealth or State Election) or if a local government election, until the **36th day** before the election.
- The sign is removed no later than **48 hours** after the closing of polls.

Election Signage on Thoroughfares

As outlined in clauses 5.1 and 5.3 of the [Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2021](#), a permit for an election sign is not required provided that:

- The sign is placed or erected on a thoroughfare not more than **28 days** before or more than **7 days** after the relevant election day.
- The sign is not located on or over a footpath.
- The sign is located more than 2 metres from a carriageway.
- The sign is erected at least 30 metres from any intersection.
- The sign is not erected within 1.5 metres of any part of a crossover (portion of driveway in verge).

- The sign is free standing and is not attached to:
 - any natural feature, including a rock or tree; or
 - a bridge or structural approaches to a bridge; or
 - any sign, post, power or light pole, or similar structure.
- The sign is no greater than 2 square metres in area.
- The sign is in any other location where, in the opinion of an authorised person, the sign is likely to obstruct lines of sight along a thoroughfare or cause danger to any person using the thoroughfare.

The City will consider whether any offence has been committed on a case by case basis and may, for example, issue an infringement to the appropriate person or entity. **The Penalty for breaching the above Local Law requirements is a \$250 modified penalty infringement per offence.**

Election Signage on other City owned or controlled land

No election signage is permitted on local government facilities and reserves (excluding thoroughfares), except where the land is a polling place.

Election Signage on State Road Reserves

If you wish to place signage on a State road reserve, you will need to seek approval from Main Roads Western Australia. See their [Policy and Application Guidelines for Advertising Signs](#) for more information. Main Roads WA can be contacted on 138 138.

Removal of Signs

Where election signage has been erected in contravention of the above Local Laws the City will remove the signage and contact whoever authorised it to inform them that it is available for collection. The City will not be 'impounding' election related signs, so no release fees will be charged. The City's Ranger Services can be contacted on 1300 422 664.

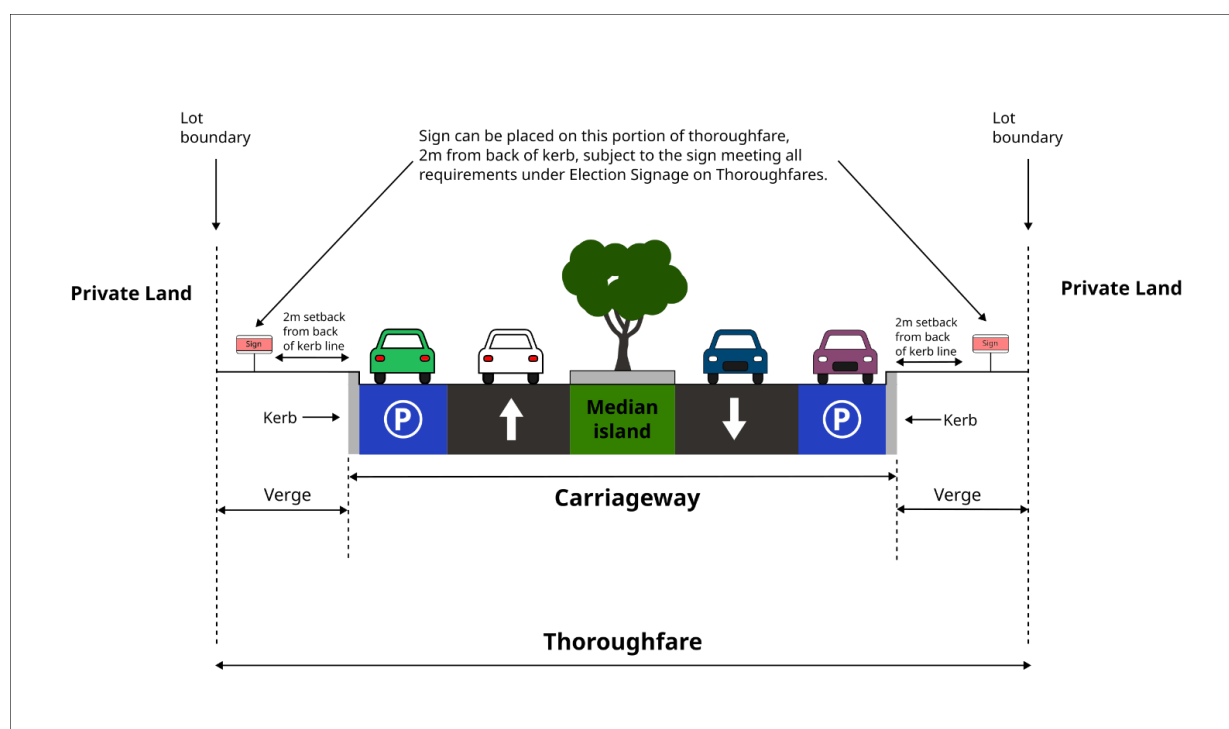


Figure 1