



Municipal and School Board Election

Election Sign Guide

This guide provides an overview of the requirements for the design, placement, and display of election signs on public and private property within the Township of King. For complete requirements, please refer to King's Sign Bylaw [2018-03](#).

Election signs located on regional roads are subject to York Region's [Election Sign Guidelines](#) and require a separate sign permit application through York Region.

Election Sign Permit application

Before placing election signs on any property within King Township, candidates must obtain an Election Sign Permit from the King Township Web Portal at cityview.king.ca/Portal.

Applications are reviewed by King's By-law Services to ensure they comply with the Sign By-law. Once approved, an invoice will be emailed to you for online payment in the amount of \$413.00, consisting of a \$117.00 permit fee and a \$296.00 refundable deposit.

The security deposit will be refunded within 30 days following Election Day, unless there are any applicable deductions in accordance with the Sign By-law.

Before you apply

Before submitting an Election Sign Permit application, please ensure you have:

1. Registered as a candidate (or have been authorized as agent on behalf of a candidate).
2. A valid email address.
3. Created an account through the [King Township Web Portal](#).
4. A sign design, photograph, or sketch showing the proposed sign, with dimensions.

How to apply

1. Log in to the [King Township Web Portal](#).
2. **Application Type:** Choose Election Sign and enter in your name and office for which you are running for (i.e. Jane Doe – Ward 1 Councillor). Enter your name under Company Name and skip Owner Builder. Click *Next Step*.
3. **Permit Type:** Click *Next Step*.
4. **Work Items:** Select Election Sign and click *Next Step*.

5. **Description of Work:** Enter “1” as the quantity for election signs (reference to number of permits required). Click *Next Step*.
6. **Location:** Insert your campaign headquarters address as your location. You should see it pre-populate with addresses. Click *Next Step*.
7. **Contacts:** Click *Next Step*.
8. **Upload Files:** Upload a picture or design sketch of what your sign will look like. It should include the dimensions. Click *Next Step*.
9. **Review and Submit:** Review the information, and if it is correct, agree to the terms and fill out the captcha, then press the Submit Application button.

Applications may be saved and completed at a later time. Draft applications can be accessed through “My Items” under “My Sign Permit Applications”. Ensure filter is set to Show All.

If you require assistance with your application, contact elections@king.ca.

Key dates

- Election signs may be installed beginning at 12:01 a.m. on **Monday, Sept. 28, 2026**.
- All election signs must be removed within **72 hours** following Election Day, and no later than 11:59 p.m. on **Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026**.
- Candidates are responsible for the installation, maintenance, and removal of their signs.

Sign requirements

- Signs must clearly identify the candidate and must not display the Township logo or crest.
- Signs installed at a campaign headquarters are not restricted by size.
- Election signs on private property must not exceed a sign area of 3 m² (32.29 ft²).
- Election signs on public property must have a sign area no less than 1 m² (10.76 ft²) and no greater than 1.5 m² (16.15 ft²).

Placement requirements

- Candidates must obtain permission from the property owner or tenant before placing an election sign on private property.
- A maximum of two election signs is permitted per private property.

- A maximum of two signs per candidate is permitted at an intersection, with no more than one sign per corner.
- Election signs must be located at minimum 1.0 m (3.28 ft.) from the edge of a traveled road, curb, sidewalk or shoulder of a Highway.
- Election signs must be located a maximum of 15 m (49.21 ft.) from the intersecting Highway.
- Election signs on public property shall be located within 40 m (131.23 ft.) of the edge of the travelled portion of the intersecting road.
- Election signs must be located a maximum of 3 m (9.84 ft.) from any driveway.
- An illustrative diagram showing permitted sign placement locations is provided on the last page of this guide.

Restricted locations

Election signs must not 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.
- On or adjacent to a Voting Place or Public Property used for parks, recreation, institutional or cultural purposes.
- In any ward for which the candidate is not nominated in.

Non-compliance

Election signs that do not comply with the Sign By-law may be removed by King Township.

A penalty fee of \$23.00 per sign will be deducted from candidate's security deposit for each non-compliant sign removed. Removed signs will be stored by the Township, and the candidate will be contacted to arrange pickup.

Where the cost of enforcement exceeds the security deposit, the candidate may be subject to an additional Administrative Monetary Penalty of \$300.00 for displaying a sign without a permit.

Theft, removal or vandalism

The theft, removal, damage, or vandalism of election signs may be investigated by police. Candidates who believe their signs have been stolen, removed, damaged, or tampered with should report the incident to [York Regional Police](#).

Reporting non-compliant signs

Contraventions of signs on private or Township public property can be reported directly to By-law Services at by-law@king.ca.

Inquiries or complaints regarding election signs on regional roads may be directed to transportation@york.ca. These inquiries will be routed to the appropriate York Region staff for review and follow-up.

Additional resources

- [King Township Candidate Information](#)
- [King Township Sign Bylaw](#)
- [York Region Election Sign Guidelines](#)

Contact information

Questions about King Township's Sign By-law can be sent by email to elections@king.ca. The Election Team will work with By-law Services to address inquiries.

The non-emergency telephone number for York Regional Police is 1-866-876-5423.

The following diagrams illustrate where election signs may be placed on Township and Regional roads, as well as private property. Candidates are encouraged to review these examples carefully before installing any election signs to ensure compliance with applicable placement requirements.

Township intersection



The diagram shows a cross-section of a property. On the left, a grey area is labeled "Private property". To its right is a green rectangular area. Further right is a brown house with a triangular roof. Below the green area and the house is a red rectangular area. A dimension line indicates a width of "1m" for the red area under the green area. Another dimension line indicates a width of "3 m" for the red area under the house. To the right of the house is another red rectangular area, also labeled "3 m". Below the red areas is a black horizontal line representing a road, with a dashed white line in the center.