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Dear Candidates

ELECTION SIGNAGE WITHIN THE CITY OF WANNEROO

In advance of the impending 2023 Local Government Ordinary Elections, the City of Wanneroo (City) would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information relating to election signs.

The criteria for the erection of election signs are provided for in the Signs Local Law 1999 (Signs Local Law and the City's District Planning Scheme No.2, which are summarised in this letter to provide some guidance to candidates when erecting elections signs.

1. Definition of election sign

Election signs are signs which encourages persons to vote for a candidate, political party or matter, relating to any federal, state or local government election.

2. Erection of election signs without having to apply for a licence

- 2.1. Candidates may erect election signs, without having to apply for a licence, if the signs are:
- a. Erected on private property with the approval of the owner of that property, where such approval has been obtained prior to the erection of the election sign.
 - b. Not in excess of 0.75m² in area per property, except a corner property which may display one sign facing each thoroughfare of the corner.
 - c. Erected not more than 28 days prior to the date of the election to which it relates.
 - d. The sign to be removed within 7 days of the date of the election.
 - e. Erected in accordance with the provisions of clause 16 of the Signs Local Law.

3. Additional requirements applicable to election signs

- 3.1. In addition, to the requirements in clause 2, all election signs must:
- a. Be erected in accordance with the restrictions set out in clause 16 of the Signs Local Law- see Attachment A; and

- b. Be securely fixed to the structure supporting it, to the satisfaction of the City and must be maintained in a safe condition.
- 3.2. Election signs erected over walkways, accessways or other public land must have a clear headway under the sign of not less than 2.75m, unless otherwise permitted by the City.
- 4. **The City's right to remove and infringe**
 - 4.1. The City may infringe candidates and remove election signs erected on public places, if the election signs are:
 - a. Not considered to be safe by the City;
 - b. Erected more than 28 days prior to the election date; or
 - c. Left out for more than 7 days after the election date.

The City encourages all candidates to follow the following link to familiarise themselves with the provisions of the Signs Local Law:

[Signs Local Law 1999 - As Amended - City of Wanneroo](#)

Thank you for your kind consideration of the above. Please contact Community Safety and Emergency Management for more information on 9405 5000.

Yours sincerely,



Kirsten Thrush
Manager Community Safety and Emergency Management

Attachment A

Clause 16- Restrictions

A person shall not erect, maintain or display a sign or hoarding, or suffer or permit a sign or hoarding to be erected, maintained or displayed or to remain on any land or building:

1. so as to obstruct the view from a street or public place of traffic in a street or public place.
2. so as to be likely to be confused with or mistaken for an official traffic light or sign or so as to contravene the Road Traffic Act 1974 or the Regulations made under that Act.
3. so as to obstruct access to or from a door, fire escape or window, other than a window designed for the display of goods.
4. except with the approval of the local government on an ornamental tower, spire, dome or similar architectural feature or on a lift machinery room, bulkhead over stairs or other superstructure over the main roof of a building.
5. where the stability of the building is, in the opinion of an authorised person, likely to be affected by the sign.
6. as a movable or portable sign in a street or public place, not affixed to a building.
7. on any light or power pole.
8. on any tree, shrub or plant.
9. which is temporarily or permanently fixed to any vehicle which is parked in one location on private or public property or in a public place, so as to advertise or display a message to the public.
10. which contains glass other than an electric light globe or tube or toughened glass.
11. which contains or has attached to it any paper, cardboard, cloth or other readily combustible material, except posters securely fixed to a signboard or hoarding, flags, banners or canvas awnings.
12. on any street, thoroughfare or other public place, if the sign is an election sign.