



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY POLITICAL PARTIES FOR POSTERS DURING VOTER REGISTRATION, GENERAL ELECTION, AND BY-ELECTIONS PROCESSES

2023/2024

1. WHEN MAY A POLITICAL PARTY START DISPLAYING THEIR ELECTION POSTERS?

Voter Registration Posters for National elections

Posters referring to an official Independent Electoral Commission Voter Registration weekend/day may be put up 4 weeks before the registration date and must be removed within 7 days thereafter.

National, Provincial and Local Government elections

- Election posters may only be erected once the official Election date has been 'announced'. In terms of the City's Election Rules, this does not require the election date to have been promulgated and must be removed within 10 days after the election.

***note:** Only Registered Political Parties may erect election Posters.

By-elections Posters within an official by-election period

Political party posters advertising a By-election in a particular ward, may be put up 14 days before the By-election but must be removed 7 days after the by-election. Political party posters advertising an event (public meeting, rallies, etc.) within an official By-election period in a particular ward, may be put up 7 days before the event but must be removed 7 days after the event. Such posters may only advertise one event per poster and each political party may only display one poster advertising a By-election and one event poster per pole.

2. DO I NEED TO HAVE A PERMIT STICKER ON MY POSTER

Permit stickers are only required for posters relating to an **event** (public meetings, rallies, etc) **outside of the formal election process** where the standard Poster Rules under Schedule 11 of the By-law will apply. No permit stickers are required for Voter Registration Posters, National Provincial election posters or By-election posters during the official election process.

3. HOW MANY POSTERS ARE PERMITTED PER POLITICAL PARTY?

There is no limit to the number of political party posters permitted.

- 4. HOW MANY POSTERS PER POLE MAY A POLITICAL PARTY DISPLAY DURING ELECTIONS**
Only one (1) **election** poster per party per light pole and only one (1) additional **event** poster (e.g. poster advertising a meeting or rally), per party per light pole may be permitted. Posters may NOT be put onto bus stop signs, street name signs or **any poles carrying traffic signs**.
- 5. HOW MAY THE POSTERS BE AFFIXED TO THE POLES?**
Posters are to be mounted on board and affixed securely with stout string or plastic fastening unless a permanent frame has been approved for this purpose. **(No securing material with a metal content is permitted.) NO PASTED POSTERS ARE PERMITTED.**
- 6. DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO PUT UP POSTERS FOR A POLITICAL EVENT OR MEETING?**
During the official election period, no permission is required nor is any permit stickers required for the erection and/or display of election posters.
Should a political party want to hold a campaign or a meeting **outside of the formal election process** the standard Poster Rules under Schedule 11 of the By-law will apply.
- 7. WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF THE POSTERS PERMITTED?**
Posters may not exceed 0.9m x 0.6m (AO) in area and the main lettering height must be at least 50mm.
- 8. AM I ALLOWED TO HAVE A COMMERCIAL SPONSOR OR LOGO ON MY POSTER?**
No commercial content is permitted on any political posters and the name of the party responsible for the display **MUST** appear on the poster. All other content requirements in terms of the Electoral Act will be dealt with by the IEC.
- 9. MAY I DISPLAY POSTERS ANYWHERE IN THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN?**
No, the following places are where posters are NOT PERMITTED:
- Traffic lights, any pole carrying a road traffic sign, electrical distribution boxes, any street furniture (e.g. bus shelters), walls, fences, trees rocks or other natural features or any other poles other than electrical light poles.
 - Posters may not be pasted in any manner anywhere in the City of Cape Town.
 - Posters are prohibited on any bridge.
 - The following routes are where posters may not be displayed:
 - Freeway sections on N1, N2, N7 and the R300
- 10. WHAT HAPPENS IF MY PARTY'S POSTERS CONTRAVENE ANY OF THE POSTER REGULATIONS?**
If the City or IEC gets notified in writing of a poster contravention relating to a Political Party, the offending Political Party will be notified by the City of such contravention by e-mail and will be given 48 hours to remove or remedy such contravention.

11. WHAT IF A POLITICAL PARTY DOES NOT REMOVE THEIR ILLEGAL POSTERS?

Should a political party not remove their unauthorised posters after their 48 hour notice period, the City's appointed contractors will be instructed to remove all such posters and the political party will be charged accordingly.

12. TO WHO AND HOW DO I LODGE A COMPLAINT?

All complaints relating to political party posters must be in writing and sent to Catherine.overmeyer@capetown.gov.za , the Deputy Municipal Electoral Officer – Electoral Commission (IEC.)

A copy of the complaint must be lodged at the same time to the IEC offices.

13. WHAT IF MY POSTERS ARE REMOVED ILLEGALLY, STOLEN OR MALICIOUSLY DAMAGED?

These are criminal offences and must be reported to SAPS, either directly by the complainant or via the IEC.

*Please note that in order to make a case the IEC and SAPS will need proof of such malicious actions.

14. WHAT IS THE REMOVAL CHARGE PER POSTER FOR UNAUTHORISED DISPLAY?

The removal charge per poster will be **R134.10 per poster** removed or **R194.90 per pasted poster** removed in accordance with the removal charges as set out in the City of Cape Town Tariffs, Fees and Charges.

15. WHERE CAN I RECOVER ANY UNAUTHORISED POSTERS REMOVED?

To recover any of the unauthorised posters removed by the City, parties will need to liaise during office hours with following Environmental Management officials with a view to arranging payment and collection of such posters:

Cape Town	Fayyaaz.essop@capetown.gov.za
Parow	Fayyaaz.essop@capetown.gov.za
Blaauwberg	Giselle.Lamohr@capetown.gov.za
Kraaifontein	Kim.matthee@capetown.gov.za
Plumstead	Selwyn.klassen@capetown.gov.za
Athlone	Maheerah.hendricks@capetown.gov.za
Strand	Ntomboxolo.Hantibi@capetown.gov.za

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