



RULES FOR POSTERS DURING VOTER REGISTRATION, GENERAL ELECTION, AND BY-ELECTIONS PROCESSES

2023/2024

The rules below apply only during OFFICIAL ELECTION PROCESSES administered by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and is only for Registered Political Parties and the IEC.

Outside of such official Election Period, the standard Outdoor Advertising and Signage By-law rules and fees are applicable.

During the official Election period, the erection and/or display of election posters is permitted in all areas of control, subject to the following conditions:

DISPLAY RULES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, BY-ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AND EVENT POSTERS:

The intention of these rules is to regulate the display of Voter Registration posters, pre-election political events by parties prior to the official election period date being set, By-election poster rules as well as the official political campaign and event posters displayed during the official election period.

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS

1. 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.
2. No deposit or fee is payable.
3. No date stamp or permit sticker is required on the posters.

NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

4. Election posters can only be erected once the official Election date has been announced by the government. In terms of these Election Rules, this does not require the election date to have been promulgated.
5. Political posters referring to the Elections can only be erected from the date that marks 11 weeks before the Election and must be removed within 10 days thereafter. The date of the Election must be interpreted as the date of the actual General Election, and does not refer to any date prior to that on which special votes will be cast.
6. Political parties are allowed only one (1) election poster per party per light pole and only one (1) additional event poster per party per light pole.

7. Once the Election date has been announced, event posters may be displayed any time before an event (public meetings, rallies, etc) but must still be removed 7 days after the event.

No date stamp or permit sticker is required other than posters relating to an **event** (public meetings, rallies, etc.) **outside of the formal election process.**

BY-ELECTIONS WITHIN AN OFFICIAL BY-ELECTION PERIOD

8. Political posters advertising a By-election in a particular ward, may be put up 14 days before the By-election but must be removed within 7 days after the By-election. Political 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.
9. By-election Posters may **only** be put up in the Ward where the by-election is to be held and not in any other Wards.
10. No date stamp or permit sticker is required on the posters.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

11. Posters relating to an **event** (public meetings, rallies, etc.) **outside of the formal election process** may be permitted but the standard Poster Rules under Schedule 11 of the By-law will apply. Removal charges will apply to any posters not removed within 7 days after the event or any poster displayed in contravention of Schedule 11.
12. Posters may not exceed 0.9m x 0.6m in area and the main lettering height must be at least 50mm.
13. No commercial content is allowed on any poster and the name of the Party responsible for its display must appear on the poster.
14. Posters are **not** to be affixed to traffic signal poles, electrical or service authority distribution boxes, or poles which carry road traffic signs, or any other street furniture, walls, fences, trees, rocks or other natural features, or any other poles other than light poles.
15. Posters **may not be pasted anywhere**, including not on Municipal electrical light poles but 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.)
16. The display of posters is **prohibited on any bridge** and the Municipality has designated the following areas where the display of posters will not be permitted:

Posters are **not permitted** on the Freeway sections of N1, N2, N7 and R300.

RULES FOR TAKING DOWN ELECTION AND REGISTRATION POSTERS

17. National, Provincial and Local Government election posters are to be removed within 10 days after the election.

18. Voter Registration, By-election and Event posters are to be removed by no later than 7 days after by-election, event/registration dates.
19. The string or plastic fasteners must be removed as well.

CHARGES AND RECOVERY

20. The Municipality may recover the costs resultant of the removal of any posters displayed in contravention of these rules.
21. Any poster not removed within the above stipulated removal deadlines shall be removed by the Municipality at the Party's cost.
22. To recover any of the unauthorized posters removed by the Municipality, parties will need to liaise during office hours with following Environmental Resource Management Department officials with a view to arranging to collect such posters:

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

23. The cost recoverable as a result of contravening these rules will be R134.10 per poster removed and R194.00 for any pasted poster removed.

Waivers in terms of Section 11 of the Outdoor Advertising and Signage By-law, read with Section 44 and the City of Cape Town's Tariffs and Charges are granted, subject to the above.

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