

Policy

Title: Election Signage

Category: Corporate Governance

Date Last Adopted 24 August 2020

1. Objectives

To ensure that any form of political advertising on Council owned or controlled land is prohibited. This prohibition is to enable the Council to retain its apolitical status during election campaigns and to help ensure that all candidates have the same opportunities to display election signage.

2. Background

This policy was developed in response to a number of issues arising from previous election campaigns in order to assist in administering the arrangements for electoral advertising.

3. Policy

- (a) The placement of electoral signage during an election campaign period in the Hobart municipal area is subject to the following:
 - (i) the length of display of any sign at one location does not exceed the defined election campaign period;
 - (ii) signs are:
 - A. to be properly supported and maintained;
 - B. not to protrude over footpaths; and
 - C. to be removed at the conclusion of the election campaign;
 - (iii) prior permission for the placement of signs must be obtained by the sign owner from the relevant property owner; and

- (iv) no sign is to be placed on Council owned or Council controlled property or infrastructure. Any signs that are placed on property owned or controlled by the Council will be removed by Council staff;
- (b) The Council does not permit any election advertising signage to be affixed to any Council owned or Council controlled land save and except that election candidates will be permitted to display election signage on registered vehicles on Council controlled highways (including metered spaces) and car parks; and
- (c) This policy applies to Federal, State and Local Government elections and any other elections that may be conducted.

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Election Campaign Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) For Federal and State elections, from the date on which the election writ is issued until 7 days after the election day; and (ii) For Local Government elections, from the date of publication of the Notice of Election until 7 days after the close of poll.
Location	any one property
Electoral Signage	any graphic, pictorial or written display that can be viewed from a public street and that promotes a candidate or political party vying for election in a Federal, State or Local Government election or any other elections that may be conducted.

Responsible Officer:	General Manager
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