

Proposed Amendments to Auckland Transport Election Signs Bylaw 2013

Proposed additions are underlined

Proposed deletions are ~~scored through~~

1. Clause 5 Interpretation

Insert in subclause (1) in appropriate alphabetical position:

changeable message signage means publicly visible signage with mechanical or electronic moving images or displays, including LED, neon, and electronically projected images.

2. Clause 7 Controls for election signs:

In subclause (1), revoke paragraph (aa), add new paragraph (ma), and amend paragraphs (b), (d), (g), (j), (m), (n) and (o) as follows:

(1) A person who displays an election sign must comply with the following controls-

~~(aa) — election signs may only be displayed during the period commencing on the Saturday that is nine weeks before the election day and ending at midnight on the day before the election day.~~

(a) election signs must be removed before midnight on the day before election day;

(b) election signs for elections under the Electoral Act 1993 must not be displayed on election day;

(c) election signs must not exceed 3m² in area except for signs on commercial billboards which may exceed 3m²;

(d) ~~election signs must not be displayed in a way that endangers public safety~~ election signs must not obstruct or hinder the safety or movement of persons using the roadway, or unreasonably obstruct or hinder the safety or movement of persons using the footpath or any part of the road;

(e) the name and contact details (including a telephone number) of the person responsible for establishing and maintaining the election sign who can be contacted to repair, secure or otherwise take action in relation to the display of the election sign must clearly be displayed on elections signs and must be able to be read from a distance of at least 1m;

(f) election signs and their supporting structures must be securely braced and anchored, and constructed, fixed or displayed in a manner so that they will not come loose under normal weather conditions;

(g) election signs must not obstruct the safe line of sight of any pedestrian crossing, corner, bend, intersection, vehicle crossing or private entrance, ~~nor obscure any traffic control device~~ determined according to the Austroads Guide to Road Design;

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- (h) election signs must not be displayed on roadways other than on a vehicle covered by clause 6(1)(c);
- (i) election signs must not be displayed on footpaths, road medians, roundabouts, traffic islands or any other traffic separation structure or kerbed projection;
- (j) ~~election signs must not be made of, or have affixed, any reflective material that is likely to reflect the light from the headlights of any approaching vehicle~~ election signs must not contain reflective, fluorescent or phosphorescent materials that may reflect headlights, distract, or interfere with the vision of a person using the public place or road;
- (k) election signs, other than on commercial billboards, must not be internally illuminated by any means and must not be externally illuminated by artificial lighting designed specifically to illuminate the election sign;
- Note: Election signs on billboards that are not available for hire or reward, located on private or public sites, must also comply with signage bylaws, the district plans and the unitary plan.*
- (l) *Revoked by Auckland Transport Election Signs (Amendment No 2) Bylaw 2014;*
- (m) election signs must not ~~be animated~~ comprise or include any changeable message signage;
- (ma) election signs must not obstruct, obscure, or impair the view of, or form the background or foreground to, or appear alongside, any traffic control device of similar colour when viewed by the driver of an approaching vehicle;
- (n) ~~election signs must not be similar to or the same as any traffic control device in its shape and colour, and liable to be mistaken for a traffic control device~~ election signs must not resemble, or be likely to be mistaken for, a traffic control device in colour, shape or appearance;
- (o) ~~election signs must not display flashing, revolving or changeable information or images~~ election signs must not use flashing or revolving lights, lasers, or any other method of illumination that may adversely affect the amenity of the surrounding area or traffic safety;
- (p) election signs must not have affixed to it, any moveable part or light that is intended to draw attention to the election sign;
- (q) posters, pamphlets, flags or other material must not be attached to election signs other than material that is securely affixed within the surface area of the sign panel under the authority of the person responsible for that sign.