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The Corporation of the City of London

## **Regulation “1” / 2018-1 made under the Election Sign By-law No. E.-185-537**

### **1.0 Definitions**

- 1.1 Terms used in this Regulation have the same meaning as in the Election Sign By-law No. E.-185-537, as amended from time to time.

### **2.0 Timing**

- 2.1 Election Signs must be erected and displayed in accordance with the prescribed time period as defined by the Election Sign By-law.
- 2.2 For federal and provincial elections (or by-elections), the period begins from the issuance of the writ and ends after the close of polls.
- 2.3 For municipal elections (or by-election or school board elections or by-elections), the period begins from the close of nominations and ends after the close of polls.

### **3.0 Required Information**

- 3.1 The Candidate or Owner shall provide to the Elections Office the following information:
- a) the name and contact information of the registered Candidate or Owner;
  - b) name and contact information for the authorized agent to receive Election Sign complaints on behalf of the Owner, if applicable; and
  - c) a signed copy of the Declaration for the Proper Use of Election Signs.

### **4.0 Election Signs – General Information**

- 4.1 Candidates for the municipal election shall receive information about Election Signs when they file their nomination papers.
- 4.2 Candidates in a federal or provincial election will not automatically receive a copy of this information. The Elections Office will attempt to contact Federal and Provincial candidates as information becomes available. Candidates may obtain a copy of the relevant

information from the City of London website, or in person at the Elections Office located on the Lower Level of City Hall, 300 Dufferin Ave.

## **5.0 Election Sign Removal – Unlawful Election Signs**

- 5.1 The City Clerk and/or an Enforcement Officer for the City of London is authorized to take down or remove or cause to be removed immediately an Election Sign that is placed in contravention of the Election Sign By-law and this Regulation.
- 5.2 Election Signs that pose any risk to the health and safety of pedestrians or motorists shall be removed immediately.
- 5.3 The City of London is not required to give notice prior to the removal of an improperly placed Election Sign.

## **6.0 Notice of Removal**

- 6.1 If a complaint is received regarding an unlawful Election Sign, and the Election Sign is not considered a safety hazard, the Owner or agent shall be notified via the preferred contact information provided to the Elections Office, where time permits.
- 6.2 Such notice shall identify by municipal address the lands upon which the Election Sign is situated and shall specify the particulars of non-compliance.
- 6.3 The Owner shall be given the opportunity to remove the non-compliant Election Sign, where time permits.
- 6.4 The By-Law Enforcement Officer shall remove an Election Sign without prior notice if:
  - a) the Election Sign is considered to be a safety hazard;
  - b) it is located on the property of a Voting Place on an Advance Vote Day or Voting Day; or
  - c) the Owner or agent has not removed the Election Sign after being notified.

## **7.0 Election Sign Removal – After Voting Day**

- 7.1 All Election Signs are required to be removed ninety-six (96) hours after Voting Day. If they are not removed from City property, a By-law Enforcement Officer may remove the Election Sign with a fine to the Owner.
- 7.2 It is the responsibility of the Owner of the private property to remove any Election Signs on their property or advise the Candidate or Owner of their required removal.

## **8.0 Election Sign Retrieval**

- 8.1 An Election Sign removed pursuant to this Regulation shall be stored by the City of London for a period of not less than 45 days during which time the Owner or agent may retrieve the Election Sign.

8.2 Election Signs that have been removed by the City of London shall be stored at 663 Bathurst Street at A. J. Taylor Operations, Bathurst Works Yard.

8.3 Election Signs may be picked up between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

8.4 The City of London is not responsible for the loss or damage of Election Signs.

#### **9.0 Unclaimed Election Signs**

9.1 Where an Election Sign has been removed by the City of London and stored for a period of at least 45 days and such Election Sign has not been retrieved, the Election Sign may be destroyed forthwith or otherwise disposed of by the City of London without any notice or compensation to the Owner thereof.

#### **10.0 Miscellaneous**

10.1 This Regulation shall come into force and effect on March 14, 2018.

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