



**TOWN OF CARDSTON
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A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CARDSTON, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT OF ELECTION SIGNS.

WHEREAS Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, provides for the passing of bylaws respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

WHEREAS Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, provides for the passing of bylaws respecting people, activities and things in, on, or near a public place or place that is open to the public;

WHEREAS Section 18 of the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, assigns to municipalities the direction, control, and management of all roads within the municipality;

WHEREAS Section 13 of the *Traffic Safety Act*, being Chapter T-6, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, provides for the passing of bylaws governing the use of highways;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Cardston, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts the following:

TITLE **1)** This bylaw will be known as the Election Signs Bylaw.

DEFINITIONS **2)** In this bylaw:

- (a)** “Election” means any vote of the electorate held pursuant to any municipal, provincial, or federal legislation governing votes of the electorate.
- (b)** “Election Sign” means any sign manufactured or installed for the purpose of promoting or denouncing political candidates, parties, or positions during an Election.
- (c)** “Public Property” means any land owned or occupied by a public organization or a department or program thereof. (e.g., the lands and buildings of the Town of Cardston, Cardston County, the Westwind School Division’s offices



and schools, the Provincial Courthouse, the Jim and Mary Kearn Library, polling stations, etc.)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3)** Election Signs are not to be placed prior to the official start of an Election.
- 4)** Election Signs must be removed within 48 hours of the closing of the polling station(s) within the Town of Cardston.
- 5)** Election Signs must not:
 - (a)** Be larger than three square metres in size.
 - (b)** Emit any sound, display any video, or be illuminated in any way.
 - (c)** Have rotating or moving part or any other additional parts attached to them.
 - (d)** Have more than two sign faces.
- 6)** No Election Sign may imitate, or resemble the appearance, of a traffic control device or sign.
- 7)** Election Signs must be kept in a neat and clean appearance.
 - (a)** Candidates are responsible for removing their own damaged or vandalized Election Signs.

SIGN LOCATION

- 8)** Election Signs are permitted to be placed on private property, or on the public boulevard directly adjacent to a private property, with the permission of the property owner.
- 9)** Election Signs are not permitted to be placed in any location where they may:
 - (a)** Interfere with the safe and orderly movement of pedestrians or vehicles,
 - (b)** Interfere with the sightlines of pedestrians or vehicles, or
 - (c)** Obscure, cause confusion with, or distract from a traffic control device.
- 10)** Election Signs are not permitted to be placed:

- (a)** Within one metre of the edge of pavement.
- (b)** Within one metres of any intersection or crosswalk unless the Election Sign is one and a half square meters in size or less.
- (c)** Within a construction zone.
- (d)** On traffic control devices or their corresponding posts.
- (e)** On roadways, roadway shoulders, centre medians, traffic islands, or roundabouts.
- (f)** On any physical roadway structure, including bridges, guardrails, retaining walls, fences, concrete barriers, power poles, fire hydrants, sidewalks, pathways, crosswalks, or street lights.

SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

11) Election Signs are not to placed on, or adjacent to, any Public Property, except in the following locations:

- (a)** The Public Boulevard between 1st Ave E and the Service Road stretching from 8th Street W to 12th Street W.

SIGN REMOVAL

12) The Town of Cardston may remove any Election Sign that it deems to be in contravention of this bylaw without prior notice or compensation.

- (a)** Election signs so removed by the Town may be claimed by the candidate, the organization, or their representative at the Town Office.
- (b)** The Town may issue a fine of \$100 for every contravention of this bylaw when, in the opinion of the Chief Administrative Officer, the contraventions are of a deliberate and repetitive nature.
 - i.** This fine, if issued, must be paid prior to reclaiming the removed Elections Signs.

13) The Chief Administrative Officer and their delegate have sole discretion in determining when Election Signs are in contravention of this bylaw are to be removed.



EFFECTIVE DATE

This bylaw will come into force on the day it receives Third and Final Reading.

Received First Reading this 8th day of September, 2015.

Received Second Reading this 8th day of September, 2015.

Received Third & Final Reading this 27th day of October, 2015.

Signed by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer this 27th day of October, 2015.

TOWN OF CARDSTON

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER