

POLICY

TITLE:	Election Signage Policy		
DIRECTORATE:	Office of CEO		
ADOPTED BY:	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)		
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LEGISLATIVE REF:	<i>Local Government Act 2019 (NT)</i> BRC (Management of Public Places) By-laws 2021		

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to waive the requirement to obtain certain permits from the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) relating to the placement and removal of election signage on BRC controlled areas. This policy also serves to advise candidates as to the requirements for such signage.

1.2. Scope

This policy applies to areas under jurisdiction of the BRC. Including any other assets under the care of the BRC.

1.3. Responsibilities

All persons within scope of this Policy are required to adhere to this Policy and its associated procedures.

The CEO is accountable for the overall management of this Policy.

1.4. Policy Objectives

- 1) To advise candidates and the public on the current policy for the placement and removal of election signs prior to and after Federal, Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Northern Territory Local Government elections.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 Sign Display Period

In accordance with bylaw 5 of the Tennant Creek (Control of Public Places) 2021, BRC dispenses with the requirement to obtain permits for activities specified in by-laws 39 and 43 of the Tennant Creek (Control of Public Places) By-laws 2021 where such activities directly relate to the advertisement of a candidate contesting an election. This dispensation is subject to the following conditions:

2.1.1 Signs may be displayed

- Six (6) weeks prior to a fixed election date (Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Barkly Regional Council Elections/By elections)
- From the date of public notice by the Australian Electoral Commissioner or receipt of writ to conduct an election (Federal Elections/By-elections)
- Signs must be removed no later than seven (7) days after an election.

2.1.2 Signs Details

- Signs should be 1.5 m² or less in area and be displayed on corflute or a similar material. Electronic signage of any kind is not permitted.

2.1.3 Sign Placement and Accountability

- Signs should be position with regard to the following:
 - Signs must be at least 1 m clear of:
 - Power Poles
 - Irrigation systems or sprinklers, and positioned so as not to impede the operation of such systems
 - Streetlights
 - Trees, shrubs, or garden beds
 - Roads, footpaths and cycling paths
 - Signs must be at least 4m away from any road sign, speed display sign, or any other traffic control device
 - Signs must not be positioned in a way that obstructs the view or flow of traffic or pedestrians (including being placed in bus stops or roundabouts)
 - Signs must not be placed in a way that damages BRC infrastructure.
 - Signs must not be placed on BRC assets, including buildings or fences.
- Candidates are responsible for the timely removal of any damaged or unsecured signage. Candidates must also ensure that any rubbish generated as a result of their election signage (zip ties, broken posts etc) is removed as soon as possible.
- It is the responsibility of each candidate to maintain a record of the location of all election signage displayed on BRC-controlled areas (this does not include signs displayed on private property). This record must be provided upon request to an Authorised Person.
- No election signage is to be applied to or affixed to private property without the consent of the owner or occupier of that property.
- The use of star pickets, wooden stakes or similar items to display election signage on BRC-controlled areas is prohibited. For the purpose of displaying election signage low strength or frangible stakes must be used, such as lightweight fence droppers.

3. SIGN CONTENT

The content of election signage is dictated by the various relevant acts and regulations and is not managed or enforced by the BRC. This policy in no way removes any requirement to adhere to relevant legislation. Further information regarding the content of election signage can be found here: [LG Forms and resources | NTEC](#)

4. AREAS CONTROLLED BY OTHER AUTHORITIES

Roads controlled by the Northern Territory Government.

A complete list of roads is available [Roads managed by the NT Government | NT.GOV.AU](#)

Any complaints regarding election signage adjacent to these roads should be directed to the Northern Territory Department of Infrastructure, Planning, and Logistics. More information, including their election signage policy and contact details, can be found here: [Election signage and mobile roadside booths policies | Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics](#)

5. RELEVANT POLICIES

Policies, procedures and Legislation to be read in conjunction with this policy are:

- 1) *Local Government Act 2019*
- 2) BRC (Control of Public Places) By-laws 2021
- 3) *Traffic Act 1987* – S15 Removal of Hazardous Sign
- 4) *Traffic Regulations 1999* – s34 Person or thing constructing road
- 5) *Control of Roads Act* – S57 Timber etc fixed to roads not to be damaged

6. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

6.1. Implementation

Relevant personnel will be made aware of this policy and it will be published on the Barkly Regional Council website at <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au/council-documents/policies>.

6.2. Review

This policy will be reviewed on or before 29 November 2026

7. VARIATIONS, REVOCATIONS AND/OR CHANGES


Barkly Regional Council reserves the right to revoke and/or amend this policy from time to time as is considered necessary to better manage its business and/or to comply with any legislative requirements. Employees will be given sufficient notice of any such revocations, amendments, or changes.

8. APPROVAL

This policy is approved.

Chris Kelly

Chief Executive Officer



Signature

29 Nov 2024

Dated

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