

Hoardings

Election Hoardings

Temporary signs for electioneering purposes, provided that they comply with Building and District Plan requirements, may be erected without any formality. The Waitaki District Council has delegated to the Planning Manager the authority to deal with temporary signs which do not comply with the requirements and which require resource consents:

Hoardings, Posters or Bills on posts, poles, fences or other surfaces in public places or on any Council property are **prohibited**. However, they may be placed on residential properties or in shop windows, with the owner's consent.

Signs are permitted on private property subject to the following conditions:

1. Permission is gained from the property owner.
2. The sign does not exceed 3 square metres in area.
3. **The sign is removed from the property the day before Election Day.**
4. Signs shall not be erected more than 2 months prior to the Election Day.
5. All signs shall comply with the height requirements for the zone in which they are located.
6. No sign shall be attached to a tree.
7. No sign shall be erected on or adjacent to a road which will:
 - (a) obstruct the line of sight of any corner, bend, intersection or vehicle crossing.
 - (b) obstruct, obscure or impair the view of any traffic sign or signal.
 - (c) resemble or be likely to be confused with any traffic sign or signal.
 - (d) use reflective materials that may interfere with a road user's vision.
 - (e) use flashing or revolving lights.
 - (f) be located on a traffic island or kerb protrusion within the normal carriageway width.
8. Signs shall not be sited closer than:
 - (a) 10m to any intersection or any pedestrian crossing in a 50 kph speed zone.
 - (b) 100m to any intersection and 50m to any vehicle access way in a 100 kph speed zone.
9. Signs should be maintained in a sound tidy condition. Damaged signs shall be repaired or removed within 24hrs of damage occurring.

Legibility and Location of Signs:

1. On roads with speed limits over 50km/hr, the lettering of all signs shall be in accordance with the sizes set out in the following table; and
2. The minimum visibility distance from a motorist to a sign shall also be in accordance with the distances set out in the following table:

Regulatory Speed Limit (km/hr)	Minimum Lettering Height (mm)		Minimum Visibility Distance from a Motorist to a Sign (m)
	Minimum Visibility Distance from a Motorist to a Sign (m)	Message Designed to be Read whilst Driving Past the Sign	
Up to 70	150	100	80
70	200	150	130
80	250	175	175
100	300	200	250

3. Lettering at the bottom of a sign is exempt from sizes specified in the above table provided that the lettering is no larger than 1cm. The purpose of such lettering is for reading by pedestrians.

Political Campaign - Street Meetings/Activities

1. Use of mobile loudspeaker vans, broadcasting a message while moving along streets, to publicise any events is limited to not more than one pass per street in each direction each day. Use of stationary loudspeaker vans in the residential area is prohibited, but permitted in the Commercial areas as set out below.
2. (a) Speaking from the back of a parked vehicle or from a street corner is permitted in the residential areas, provided that no amplifying equipment is used, and such activity does not obstruct traffic or impede pedestrian flow.

(b) Likewise such activity is permitted in the Commercial areas - but not on Thames Street. (It is suggested that the first parking space or area on the side streets adjacent to Thames Street has proved the most popular.) Amplifying equipment may be used provided the volume is controlled to a reasonable level. Volume must be reduced if requested by the proprietor of any adjacent business or Council Officer. Once again such activity must not obstruct traffic or unduly impede pedestrian flow, and notwithstanding Council permission being granted, Police, Traffic or Council Officers may require such activity to “move on” if public disorder appears likely.

If vehicles are used, any parking restrictions or prohibitions marked must be observed, and if meter spaces are occupied, the meters either must be fed or meter hood obtained from the Waitaki District Council Office and meter charges paid separately on their return.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Planning Unit, Waitaki District Council, phone (03) 433 0300.