

## **Guidelines on the Erection and Removal of Election Posters:**

1. Election posters should only be erected (a) not earlier than 30 days before the poll date **or** (b) from the date the Minister makes the order for the holding of the poll, whichever is the shorter period. The time limit for Referendum posters is not restricted to 30 days. These posters are allowed from the date the polling day order is signed. The effective date for the erection of posters for the Local Elections 2019 is from Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 until Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
2. In accordance with the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, election posters and ties must be removed within 7 days after polling date. Failure to do so may result in prosecution. The associated fixing arrangement particularly plastic ties must be removed at the same time the poster is being removed.
3. No adhesive or metal fixings are permitted.
4. The Party or individual responsible for the poster must be clearly indicated on the poster.
5. Posters must not be erected on:
  - (a) lamp standards with overhead line electricity feed, traffic signal poles, bridge parapets and overpasses, pedestrian bridges, barriers or railings, roundabouts, roadside traffic barriers and must not block or obstruct motorists view of pedestrians or other traffic
  - (b) statutory signage of any type
  - (c) motorways
6. There should be a minimum clearance of 2.5 metres (8ft) from the lower edge of any poster to ground level on footpaths and 3.2metres (10ft) on cycle lanes and no posters should be placed higher than 6.5 metres (20ft) from the ground.
7. Political parties/independent candidates are reminded that no claims for damages arising from placing, displaying or removal of their posters will lie with the Council and they may consider it appropriate to take out Public Liability Insurance in this regard
8. Where the Council incurs costs in the removal of posters these costs may be recovered.

**Election posters that do not comply with these conditions or that are erected on Council property prior to the declaration of an election will be removed by the Council. In the event of a breach of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 – 2009, prosecutions may be initiated.**

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