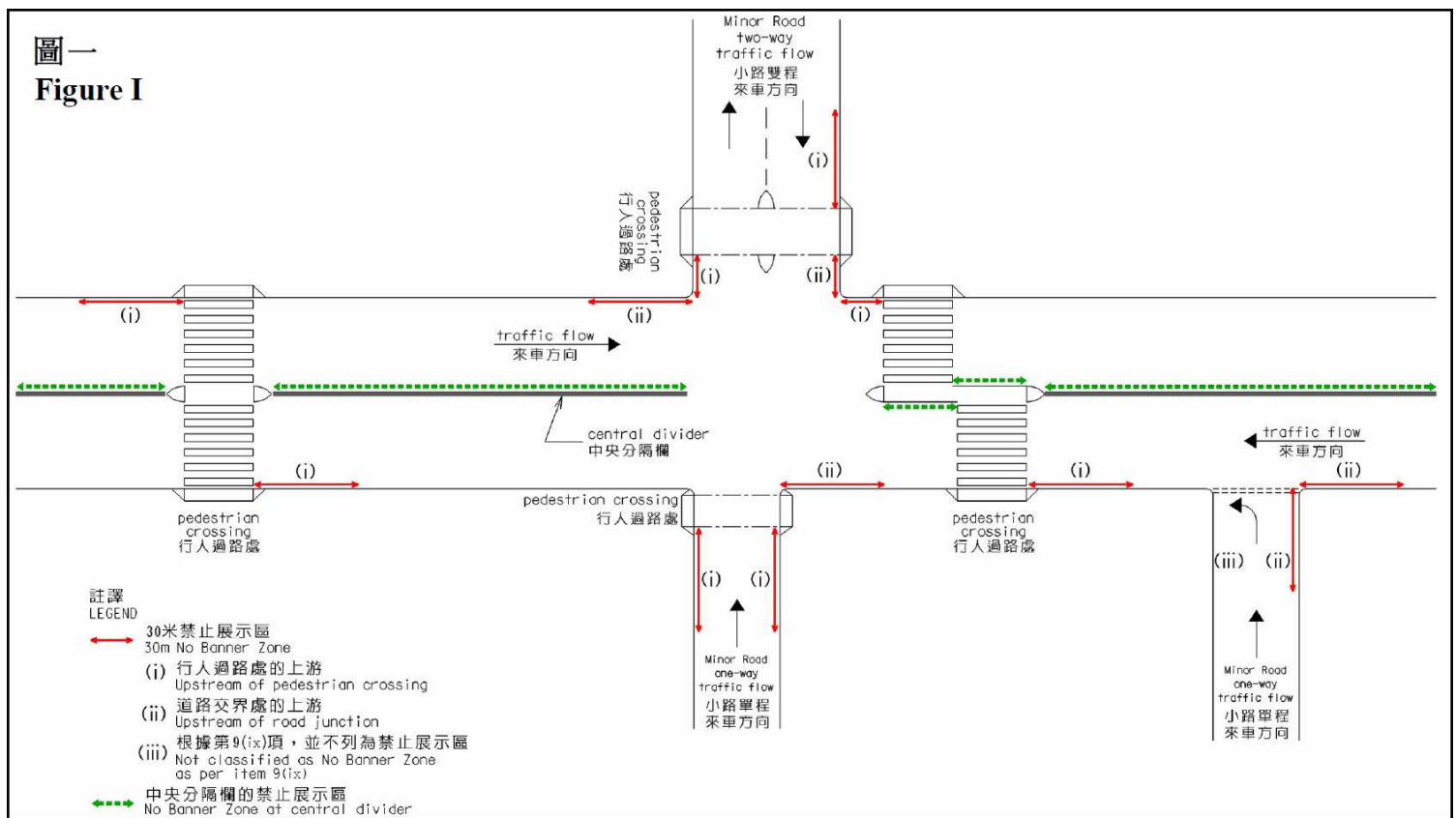


## **Conditions for Display of Election Advertisements at Designated Spots**

- (1) You shall abide by Part VII of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (District Council) Regulation (Cap. 541, sub. leg. F) and Chapter 7 “Election Advertisements” of the Electoral Affairs Commission’s Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of District Council Election.
- (2) As a general rule, election advertisements displayed at designated spots should not exceed 1 metre high and 2.5 metres long, or exceed beyond the height and length of a railing or fence; or exceed the size for a particular designated spot as stated in Annex I (whichever is applicable). Before displaying election advertisements, candidates should ensure that the election advertisements must not distract motorists or interfere with the sight lines of motorists and pedestrians, obscure any traffic sign or traffic light signal, obstruct the circulation of pedestrians, or vehicular traffic, and impair the safety of pedestrians / vehicles on adjoining public roads. Candidates should not display any roll-up banners and flags / vertical flying posters at or near railings and fences.
- (3) You can only erect ONE piece of single-side election advertisement at each designated spot allocated to you. The back of the election advertisement being displayed should be left blank.
- (4) No commercial advertising shall be allowed on the election advertisements.
- (5) Election advertisements shall be firmly and separately fastened:-
  - (i) permanent fixing devices, such as nails or insoluble glue, should not be used;
  - (ii) use “tie-on” posters (rather than “stick-on” posters or fixed by metallic wires) to facilitate subsequent removal;
  - (iii) do not stick posters on painted or varnished surfaces as their subsequent removal will cause damage or leave irremovable marks; and
  - (iv) do not excavate on public pavements.
- (6) Measures shall be taken to prevent damage to any highway structure, railing, barrier, fence, post or any other street furniture on which any election advertisement is affixed. Any damage to road elements and street furniture etc. caused by the hanging or dismantling of election advertisements will be reinstated by the Highways Department at the candidates’ cost to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer of the Highways Department.
- (7) Candidates shall at his / their own expense and to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer of the Highways Department remove the election advertisements when they are found obstructing any maintenance, improvement or repair works of the public roads, footbridges or street furniture. The election advertisements may be removed without any prior notice to the candidates if they obstruct pedestrians or vehicular traffic, the carrying out of any emergency repair works or may be affected by such works.
- (8) No electronic speakers or amplifiers shall be affixed to any structure.
- (9) No election advertisements shall be erected on the following structures/locations-
  - (i) within the boundaries of the polling station including its outer walls;
  - (ii) road signs;
  - (iii) railings at or near bus stops and bus termini;

- (iv) external faces of footbridges, highways and flyovers;
- (v) lamp posts;
- (vi) pavements (e.g. nailing boards to the ground);
- (vii) central dividers on carriageways;
- (viii) within 30 metres on the traffic upstream side of government built pedestrian crossings including signal-controlled crossings, zebra crossings or cautionary crossing; and
- (ix) within 30 metres on the traffic upstream side of all road junctions, but location within a one-way street near junction will not be subject to this restriction if they do not obstruct the views of drivers getting on to the major road.

A plan illustration for items (vii)-(ix) is at Figure I.



- (10) Election advertisements of all candidates must bear the name of the constituency for which the candidates concerned is standing.
- (11) The election advertisements shall be removed within 10 days after the election day, i.e. **by 20 March 2013**. Failure to do so may result in prosecution being brought against you and such advertisements being removed and seized by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Housing Department or the Lands Department (hereunder referred to as “the said authorities”). The cost of removal will also be recovered from you and will be construed as election expenses.
- (12) The authorization and permission for the display of election advertisements may be revoked and withdrawn by any one of the said authorities at any time, especially if you fail to observe or comply with any of the conditions contained herein. Whether notice of revocation and withdrawal and whether notice of requirement of removal will be given to you is at the absolute discretion of the said

authorities. In such a case,

- (i) if you are given notice, you shall immediately remove at your own expense all election advertisements to the satisfaction of the said authorities. Failure to do so may result in such advertisements being removed or seized by any one of the said authorities and prosecution being brought against you. The cost of removal will also be recovered from you and will be construed as election expenses; or
  - (ii) if you are not given notice, such advertisements will be removed and seized by any of the said authorities and prosecution may be brought against you. The cost of removal will also be recovered from you and will be construed as election expenses.
- (13) Where election advertisements are removed and seized by any one of the said authorities, they will be kept as evidence or disposed of or returned upon application, in accordance with the relevant law.
- (14) Candidates are responsible for the election advertisements and the contents thereof and agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and/or any of its officers against all liabilities, costs, expenses, actions, proceedings, claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the permission granted by the said authorities for the display of the election advertisements.
- (15) This authorization and permission are given to you personally. The display locations allocated to you are not transferable.
- (16) The spots authorized to you for display are not exchangeable for any other spot.
- (17) If you no longer wish to use one or more designated spots allocated to you, you should inform the Returning Officer in writing within one week after the allocation of those spots. Upon request by any other candidate of the same constituency, the Returning Officer, if he considers appropriate, will re-allocate by agreement or by the drawing of lots the designated spots amongst all other candidates who are eligible to be allocated with designated spots of the same constituency.

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