

Conditions for Display of Election Advertisements at Designated Spots **(“Conditions for Display”)**

(A) General Principles

- (1) Candidates must observe and comply with the following Conditions for Display when displaying election advertisements at designated spots. Candidates must also abide by Part 7 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Election Committee) Regulation (Cap. 541I) and Chapter 8 “Election Advertisements” of the Electoral Affairs Commission’s Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the Election Committee Subsector Elections.
- (2) **Candidates can display election advertisements at designated spots only after the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee (“CERC”) has decided that they are validly nominated.** If any candidate displays election advertisements at designated spots before the CERC decides the validity of his/her nomination, the authorities responsible for designated spots¹ may remove the relevant election advertisements without any prior notice and recover the removal cost from the candidates. The removal cost constitutes election expenses of the candidates which must be included in the candidates’ election returns.
- (3) Candidates must observe “The Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” and other laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on safeguarding national security when displaying election advertisements.
- (4) The authorizations and permissions given by the Returning Officer for the display of election advertisements on Government land and property are granted to the respective candidates personally. Candidates shall not transfer or exchange the allocated spots among themselves without authorization.
- (5) Candidates can only erect ONE piece of single-sided election advertisement facing the designated direction at each designated spot allocated to them. The back of the election advertisement must be left blank.
- (6) For environment protection, candidates should adopt various measures to reduce paper consumption and recycle waste papers and PVC banners.
- (7) Candidates are responsible for the election advertisements and the contents thereof and agree 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 responsible authorities¹ for the display of the election advertisements.

(B) Requirements for Banners

- (8) As a general rule, election advertisements displayed at designated spots should not exceed 1 metre in height and 2.5 metres in length, or exceed beyond the height and length of a railing or fence, or exceed the size as specified by the authority concerned 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.

¹ Responsible authorities include but not limited to the Home Affairs Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Housing Department, Lands Department, Highways Department, Transport Department, and Hong Kong Police Force.

- (9) Election advertisements shall be firmly and separately fastened, and:-
- (i) permanent fixing devices, such as nails or insoluble glue, should not be used;
 - (ii) “tie-on” posters (rather than “stick-on” posters or fixed by metallic wires) should be used to facilitate subsequent removal;
 - (iii) should not be stuck to painted or varnished surfaces as their subsequent removal will cause damage or leave irremovable marks;
 - (iv) should not excavate public pavements or roads; and
 - (v) should not be anchored to any tree or plant.
- (10) No commercial advertising shall be allowed on the election advertisements. The contents of election advertisements displayed at the designated spots can only be published by the relevant candidate, and cannot be used by other persons or organizations for publishing election advertisements or expressing views (e.g. used as a notice board for other persons to express views).
- (11) 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 to its satisfaction at the cost of the candidates concerned. The cost shall constitute election expenses of the candidates and must be included in the election return.
- (12) Election advertisements displayed at designated spots should not obstruct any maintenance, improvement or repair works of the public roads, footbridges or street furniture. If any election advertisement is found to violate the above Conditions for Display, the candidates shall remove it at their own expense to the satisfaction of the Highways Department. If an election advertisement obstructs pedestrians or vehicular traffic, affects the carrying out of any emergency repair works, or is likely to be affected by such works, the responsible authorities may remove the election advertisement without prior notice to the candidates. In such case, any removal cost of the election advertisement violating the Conditions for Display shall be recovered from the candidates concerned. In such case, the removal cost shall constitute election expenses of the candidates and must be included in their election returns.
- (13) No electronic speakers or amplifiers shall be affixed or placed next to any structure.
- (14) The name of the subsector in which the candidates are contesting should be clearly stated in his/her election advertisements.
- (15) In respect of joint election advertisements displayed by two or more candidates, each candidate shall state clearly in that advertisement the name of the subsector in which he/she is contesting. Each candidate shall also ensure that the total area actually occupied by his/her election advertisements displayed in the designated spots (including joint election advertisements), measured by the dimension of election advertisements, does not exceed the total area of the designated spots originally allocated to that candidate, and that each such advertisement complies with the size restrictions specified in para.(8) above.

(C) Removal of Banners

- (16) **The election advertisements, fasteners, cable ties and stickers shall be removed within 10 days after the polling day, i.e. by 2 December 2026.** Failure to do so may result in prosecution being brought against the candidates concerned, and such advertisements being removed and seized by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Housing Department, the Lands Department or the Highways Department (hereunder referred to as “the said authorities”) as appropriate. The removal cost shall be recovered from the candidates. The cost shall constitute election expenses of the candidates, and must be included in their election returns.

(D) Revocation or Withdrawal of Permissions for Display of Election Advertisements

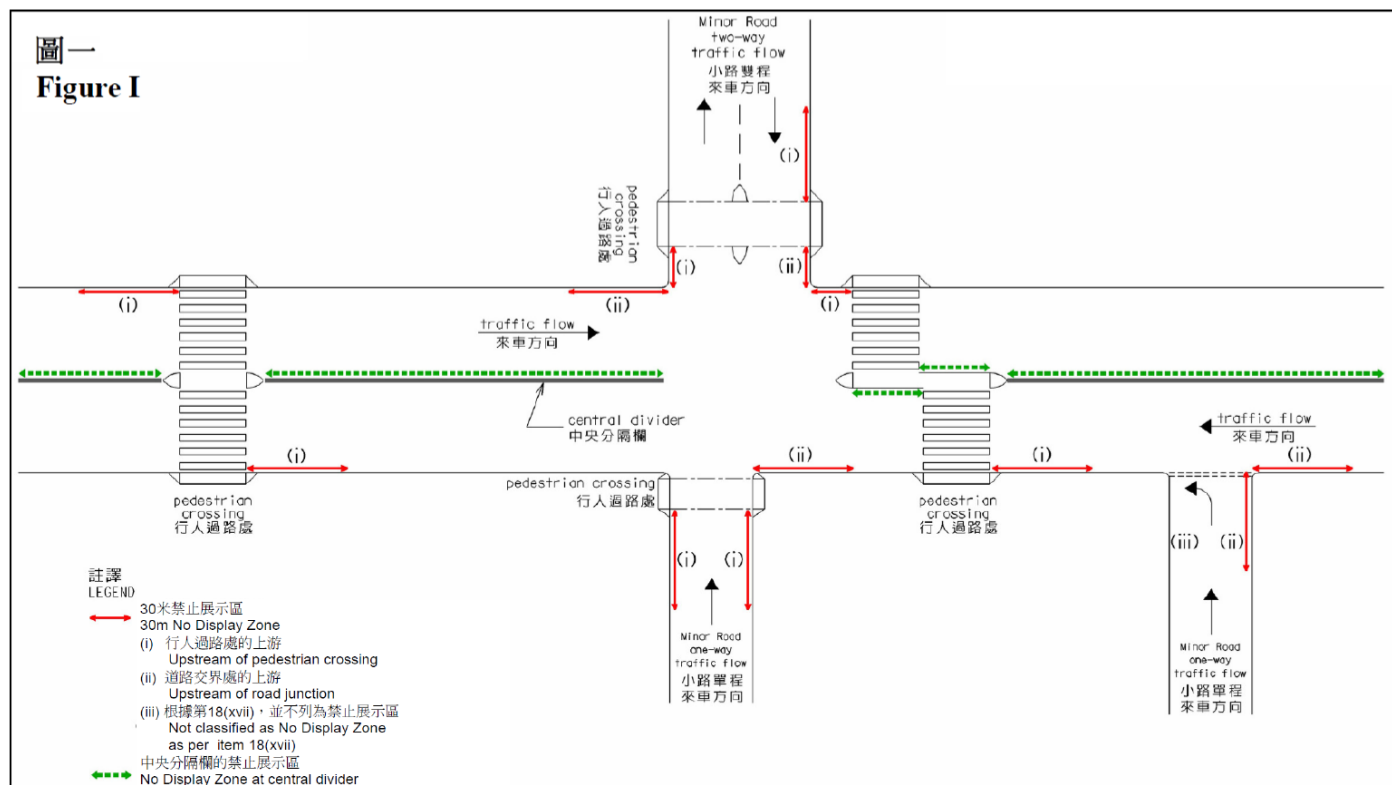
- (17) The authorizations and permissions for the display of election advertisements may be revoked or withdrawn by any one of the said authorities at any time, especially if candidates fail to observe or comply with any of the conditions contained herein. In addition, if candidates are not validly nominated, disqualified, or their subsector becomes uncontested upon death, invalid nomination or disqualification of other candidates, the authorizations and permissions concerned may also be revoked or withdrawn by any one of the said authorities. Whether a notice of revocation or withdrawal and whether a notice requiring removal will be given to a candidate is at the absolute discretion of the said authorities. In such a case,
- (i) if a candidate is given the aforesaid notice, the candidate shall immediately remove or remove within the specified time in the relevant notice at the candidate's 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 the candidate. The said authority shall recover removal cost from the candidate. The cost shall constitute election expenses of the candidates, and must be included in their election returns;
 - (ii) if a candidate is not given the aforesaid notice, such advertisements shall be removed and seized by any of the said authorities, and prosecution may be brought against the candidate. The removal cost shall be recovered from the candidate by the said authorities. The cost shall constitute election expenses of the candidates, and must be included in their election returns; and
 - (iii) if the authorization and permission for the display of election advertisements at a certain spot is revoked or withdrawn by any one of the said authorities because the spot is not suitable for displaying election advertisements due to repair works or other unexpected causes, the authority concerned may allocate to the candidate concerned another spot subject to availability.
- (18) Candidates should note that, if a designated spot allocated to a particular candidate is no longer suitable for use due to any reason or circumstances but the Returning Officer cannot identify another suitable designated spot as a replacement for the candidate concerned, to ensure the fairness of the election, the Returning Officer may revoke the authorization and permission for some of the designated spots allocated to other candidates contesting in the same subsector so that each candidate competing in the same subsector will be allocated the same number of designated spots.
- (19) Where election advertisements are removed and seized by any one of the said authorities, they will be kept as evidence, disposed of or returned upon application, in accordance with the relevant law.

(E) Designated Spots

- (20) If a candidate no longer wishes to use one or more designated spots allocated to him/her, the candidate should inform the Returning Officer in writing within one week after the allocation of those spots. Upon request by any other candidates of the same subsector, the Returning Officer, if he/she considers appropriate, will re-allocate the designated spots by agreement or by the drawing of lots amongst all other candidates who are eligible to be allocated designated spots of the same subsector.
- (21) Designated spots will not be identified at the following structures/locations. Candidates shall not erect any election advertisements at 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 crossings;
- (ix) within 30 metres on the traffic upstream side of all road junctions, but location within a one-way street near a junction will not be subject to this restriction if it does not obstruct the views of drivers getting on to the major road; and
- (x) trees, plants, directional signs or roadside planters under the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

A plan illustrating the requirements of subparagraphs (vii) to (ix) is at Figure I.



- (22) The Registration and Electoral Office and/or the said authorities hereby reserve the right to make any amendments to this Conditions for Display without any prior notice.

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