

NOTES FOR THE PLACING OF BILLBOARDS AND POSTERS FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGN

In order to have a fair and transparent campaign for any election, it is important that all parties concerned abide with the regulations and conditions set for placing of Billboards.

There are three types of Posters/Billboards which are authorized to be erected and they are A2 , 1.2m x 2.44m (8 x 4 feet) and Mega Billboard (Larger than 8 x 4 feet).

The conditions on how and where to erect these posters and billboards are listed below:-

ERECTION OF A2 POSTERS/BOARDS

These boards which are normally placed on electrical poles should meet the following conditions:-

- *Only one poster per political party per electric pole is allowed. (A2 size)*
- *The poster must be erected at least 1m below the electricity power lines.*
- *The poster must be at least 2.5m above ground level.*
- *No posters or billboards are to be erected on poles which has distribution boards.*
- *The poster must not pose a direct and or immediate safety hazard to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.*

ERECTION OF BILLBOARDS of 1.2M X 2.44M (4 X 8 FEET)

1. *These should be placed in such a way so as not to cause any obstructions to vehicular traffic or pedestrians.*
2. *These should not cause visual obstructions to motorists.*
3. *These should be outside the footpath where a footpath is available and at least 1.5m off the road edge where there is no footpath.*

LOCATION OF BILLBOARDS

Since this is a by-election for the Anse Boileau District only, all billboards and posters must be installed only within the boundaries of the Anse Boileau District.

Locations for Billboards must be submitted to the Electoral Commission and Seychelles Land Transport Agency for approval.

Billboards on private public property

Only 1 Billboard is allowed on public property within the district.

Billboards on private property

- **Written permission must be obtained from private Land owners for the erection of any billboards on their land. The erection of such billboards must also respect the minimum distance of 1.5m from the main and surrounding roads.**

Please note that only 1 billboard per political party OR Independent candidate is allowed .

No billboards or posters are allowed on any public / Government buildings.

GENERAL INFORMATION/CONDITIONS

- **No stickers, paint or spray are allowed on public buildings and electric poles.**
- **Billboards and posters can only be erected only after 6pm on nomination day.**
- **Campaign materials are not allowed on or in Public / Government buildings — The Political Party leader and or the Independent candidate is responsible to organise the removal of any illegal posters or billboards.**
- **Inspections will be made by SLTA and those not complying will be asked to remove such materials.**
- **Failure to comply with the regulations and/or to the conditions set for campaigning by posters or billboards is subject to a fine of SR 20,000/- and or to 2 years imprisonment, under the Electoral Act.**

- **In the case of Registered Political Parties, it is the party that will be responsible for their candidates.**
- **In the case for Independent Candidates, it is the independent candidates themselves who will be liable.**

- **A legally registered Political Party or an Independent candidate must submit a deposit as a guarantee that they will adhere to the conditions set for the erection and removal of posters and billboards.**

- **The deposit required for, a Political party and for an independent candidate is SR2500 (Two thousand five hundred only).**

- **In the event that the conditions are not respected, the Candidate/s will be informed and given 24 hours to rectify the problem. Failure to do so will oblige the Electoral Commission's office to instruct SLTA to remove the posters/boards and any cost related to such activity will be deducted from the deposit.**

- **During election days no posters or billboards are allowed within a 100m radius of any polling station.**

For any complaints or clarification you can contact the Electoral Commission's office on 2521902 or the Road Transport Commission liaison officer Mr. Desire Payet on 2722224.