

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

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GUIDELINES FOR POSTERS AND BILLBOARDS FOR ANSE BOILEAU BY-ELECTION

As campaigning for the forthcoming elections for the Anse Boileau district start, the Electoral Commission has released the guidelines for the display of posters and billboards for purposes of election campaigning.

Such guidelines are necessary in order to allow this medium of campaigning to take place and all parties and candidates are treated fairly and have the same opportunities to exercise their right to campaign.

Any such campaign material may only be displayed within the boundaries of the Anse Boileau District only.

The main elements of the guidelines require that:

Posters of maxim size A2

These should be on a solid board and be can be fixed not lower than 2.5m from the ground on electricity posts on the public roads. Only one poster per party or candidate is allowed on each post.

No posters should be glued to any post nor should any paint be used.

Billboards of maximum size 8ftx4ft

These can be located at specific locations on public property and only one billboard is allowed per party or independent candidate.

Such billboards are allowed on private property subject to obtaining written permission from the owner of the property.

Any of these posters or billboards should not in any way cause any danger, potential danger or hindrance to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

No Government property, including parastatal property should be used to display posters or billboards.

The full details of these guidelines have been provided to all the contesting candidates

Political parties and candidates are required to lodge deposits of SR2,500 per candidate with the Commission and these deposits can be used to remove such campaign material if they are found not to conform to these guidelines.

The general public is also requested to show respect to these posters and billboards and refrain from vandalizing them, so that the campaign can be run in a peaceful and orderly manner.