



Campaigning in Apartment Buildings and Condominiums

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 ("MEA") allows election candidates to access apartment buildings, condominiums, non-profit housing co-ops or gated communities from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purposes of campaigning at the doors to apartments, units or houses. In addition, landlords and condominium corporates are not allowed to prohibit tenants from displaying election signs in their windows.

The relevant sections of the MEA are as follows:

Access to residential premises

88.1 No person who is in control of an apartment building, condominium building, non-profit housing cooperative or gated community may prevent a candidate or his or her representative from campaigning between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the doors to the apartments, units or houses, as the case may be.

Display of signs at residential premises

88.2 (1) No landlord or person acting on a landlord's behalf may prohibit a tenant from displaying signs in relation to an election on the premises to which the lease relates.

Same, condominium corporations

(2) No condominium corporation or any of its agents may prohibit the owner or tenant of a condominium unit from displaying signs in relation to an election on the premises of his or her unit.

Exception

(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), a landlord, person, condominium corporation or agent may set reasonable conditions relating to the size or type of signs in relation to an election that may be displayed on the premises and may prohibit the display of signs in relation to an election in common areas of the building in which the premises are found.

Same

(4) Despite subsection (3), no landlord, person, condominium corporation or agent may prohibit the display of signs in relation to an election in common areas of the building if space in the building is being used as a voting place.