

Canvassing Activities which are Forbidden
Within a No Canvassing Zone

(Note : (1) This list is by no means an exhaustive list of the canvassing activities which are prohibited within a no canvassing zone (“NCZ”). It only serves to illustrate some of the common forms of canvassing activities.

(2) Door-to-door canvassing and for the purpose of such canvassing, the display or wearing of any promotional material such as any badge, emblem, clothing or head-dress which may promote or prejudice the election of a candidate or candidates at the election or which makes direct reference to a body any member of which is standing as a candidate in the election or to a political body in Hong Kong may be allowed on storeys **above or below the street level (i.e. excluding the storey at the street level) in a building** (including residential and commercial premises such as restaurants or shops) within an NCZ **other than the building in which a polling station is located**, provided that permission has been obtained for entry to the building for canvassing votes, and no obstruction is caused to any person and no sound amplifying system or device is used (except for the performance of duties by officers of the Correctional Services Department on the polling day at dedicated polling stations situated in penal institutions). **Nevertheless, candidates must note that canvassing activities are strictly prohibited on the storey at the street level of all buildings within an NCZ.** [*Amended in October 2004, October 2010, October 2012 and October 2022*]

1. Unauthorised static display of election advertisements (“EAs”) on walls (including the outer walls of the polling station), windows, railings, fences, etc.
2. Exhibition of portable displays on vehicles (whether in motion or parked within an NCZ), or held or carried by persons.

3. Except for the purpose of door-to-door canvassing referred to in Note (2) above, display or wearing any promotional material, e.g. any badge, emblem, clothing, carrier bags or head-dress which: *[Amended in October 2004 and October 2010]*
 - (a) may promote or prejudice the election of a candidate or candidates at the election; or
 - (b) makes direct reference to a body any member of which is standing as a candidate in the election or a political body in Hong Kong.
4. Distribution of EAs.
5. Canvassing for votes by:
 - (a) talking to electors;
 - (b) greeting electors by smiling, waving, nodding, shaking hands, etc.;
 - (c) shouting slogans or the name or number of a candidate or any appeal message;
 - (d) singing or chanting; or
 - (e) making signals or signs to electors.
6. Broadcast of audio or video recording to appeal to or induce electors to vote, or not to vote.
7. Using loud-hailers or loudspeakers (whether carried by a person or mounted on a vehicle or installed in any other manner) to broadcast any message which appeals to or induces electors to vote or not to vote.
8. Candidates wilfully stay or loiter in the NCZ and show goodwill to electors, which constitutes canvassing for votes.

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