

Town of Ajax Municipal Elections

Appointment of Scrutineer by Candidate

I,

(Name of Candidate)

candidate for the office of _____,
(Title of Office and Election)

do hereby appoint _____,
(Name of Scrutineer)

to attend any voting place within the Town of Ajax in order to represent me and my campaign. He/she has agreed to conduct him/herself in accordance with the pertinent rules of the *Municipal Elections Act* (the "Act"). By signing this form I understand that if the conduct of this individual in any way violates provision(s) of the Act or the Town of Ajax Election Policies & Procedures, they may be asked to vacate a voting place indefinitely and not allowed to enter another voting place for the duration of the election.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Important Notes:

- Scrutineers will be required to show this completed form to Election Officials present at the voting place upon request. If they do not have this form on their person, they will not be permitted to enter the voting place and serve as a Scrutineer.
- A Candidate is permitted to have one (1) Scrutineer at each voting place. Candidates who enter the voting place are considered to be Scrutineers unless they are entering for the purpose of voting.
- Election Officials present in a voting place are responsible for the conduct of the voting process and no Candidate or Scrutineer has the right to interfere with Election Officials in the discharge of their duties.
- Anyone creating a disturbance at a voting place will be immediately removed by an Election Official.
- The role of Candidates and Scrutineers in the voting place is to scrutinize the integrity of the process. It is not a communicative role. Therefore, Candidates and Scrutineers are prohibited from speaking directly to voters in the voting place. The use of cell phones and other personal mobile devices within the voting place is also prohibited.
- To avoid disruption of the voting place, Candidates wishing to speak to their Scrutineers must do so outside of the voting place.

Candidates and Scrutineers May:

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens to inspect election equipment, forms and documents related to the vote (but not so as to delay the timely opening of the voting place).
- Object to a person being added to the Voters' List (Note: a record will be made of all objections, however Election Officials shall make the final decision regarding whether to add an elector to the Voters' List, make a revision to the Voters' List, or issue a voting PIN).
- Be present to verify and ensure that total votes cast are at "0" when the polls open; Candidates and Scrutineers in attendance shall be requested to sign a document attesting to this fact.

Candidates and Scrutineers May Not:

- Wear campaign material (buttons, hats, T-shirts, etc.), hand-out campaign material, or park a vehicle displaying campaign material in the parking lot of a voting place.
- Sit at the tables provided for Election Officials. Candidates may wish to provide Scrutineers with a clipboard to take notes.
- Speak to voters, touch voting technology (such as laptops), observe how a voter votes or interfere with the voting process.
- Be present when an Election Official assists a voter with marking his/her ballot.
- Attempt (directly or indirectly) to interfere with how a voter votes.
- Obtain or attempt to obtain, in a voting place, information about how a voter intends to vote or has voted, or communicate any such information.
- Compromise the secrecy of voting.

Canvassing Prohibition:

The Town Clerk designates all premises used as official voting places. As the lessee of such premises, and pursuant to the Town's Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy, electioneering of any nature in or on municipal property including a premises used as a voting place is not permitted. A voting place is deemed to include the entire building and the property on which it is located. Election Officials and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers have been instructed to remove all campaign materials from all designated voting places.
