

<b>Media attendance at a voting place</b>	City Clerk's Office – Toronto Elections
	<b>Policy No.:</b> POL-CERT-001-MBE

**1. Policy**

To maintain the privacy and secrecy of the vote, the City Clerk prohibits media from entering, filming or photographing inside a voting place without prior approval from the City Clerk.

**2. Application**

This policy applies to election officials designated by the City Clerk, electors and all media at a voting place during Toronto elections and/or by-elections. Any existing policies that apply to the media also apply at the voting place.

**3. Authority/Legislative reference(s)**

Section 12 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 enables the City Clerk to provide for any matter or procedure that is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation and that, in their opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election.

**4. Administration**

Electors are entitled to privacy when voting and their privacy must be respected.

Prior to advance vote and election day, media will be advised that if they wish to film or photograph at the voting place, they must make arrangements with the City Clerk. Requests will be coordinated by the City of Toronto's Strategic Public & Employee Communications Division and Toronto Elections.

If permission is granted from the City Clerk, media may film or photograph from the doorway of the voting place but only with the permission of the occupants of the voting place.

**5. Related Policies and Procedures**

*Use of electronic communication and photographic devices at a voting place*

*Voting place boundaries*

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