

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

City Clerk's Office – Toronto Elections

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## 1. Policy

To maintain the secrecy of the vote, the City Clerk prohibits the use of electronic communication and/or photographic devices at the voting place by electors, scrutineers and candidates, except when used as an assistive device, for example: to communicate with Elections Officials; to magnify or increase text size on written materials; to scan written materials to translate or convert to speech; or, to show acceptable identification and/or the Voter Information Card.

### 2. Application

This policy applies to election officials designated by the City Clerk, electors, scrutineers, and candidates during Toronto elections and/or by-elections.

#### 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. Related Policies and Procedures

Media attendance at a voting place.

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