

PART 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Application of Sign Bylaw

- 2.1.1 No *sign* shall be erected, placed, displayed, altered or moved within the *City* except in conformity with the provisions of this bylaw.
- 2.1.2 Nothing in this bylaw relieves a person from complying with all other applicable enactments, including Federal and Provincial legislation and all *City* bylaws.
- 2.1.3 The application of this bylaw to *signs* may be affected by a development permit or development variance permit issued by the *City*.
- 2.1.4 Unless otherwise provided for by this bylaw, a *sign* for a *business premise* must be erected or placed only on that part of the building or *parcel* occupied by the business or activity to which the *sign* relates.

2.2 Non-Conforming Signs

- 2.2.1 Any *sign* lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this bylaw, although such *sign* does not conform with the provisions of this bylaw, may continue to be used as a legal non-conforming *sign*, provided it is maintained in a clean and safe condition and provided that the *sign* was legally authorized by issuance of a valid sign permit prior to its installation.
- 2.2.2 Changes to the copy of a legal non-conforming *sign* may be permitted by a *sign* permit provided that the *sign* shall not be rebuilt, enlarged, extended or relocated.

2.3 Sign Maintenance

- 2.3.1 All *signs* and their supporting structures and electrical equipment shall be maintained in good condition by the owner, or lessee of the *parcel* or *business premise* on which the *sign* is located.
- 2.3.2 Any *sign* that poses an immediate safety risk or hazard to persons or property, as determined by the *City* shall be repaired or removed by its owner within 24 hours of receiving a written notice from the *City*.
- 2.3.3 All normal maintenance, including replacement of copy, light bulbs or electrical equipment and refurbishing of *signs* shall not require a permit provided that the *sign* is not rebuilt, enlarged, extended or relocated.

2.4 Sign Illumination

- 2.4.1 Lighting for *illuminated signs* shall not shine directly onto neighbouring premises or create a safety concern on adjacent public rights-of-way.
- 2.4.2 *Signs* on properties that are directly adjacent to residential uses or environmentally sensitive areas, and are directed towards these areas shall not be *illuminated*. For clarity, where the properties are separated by a street, this restriction shall not apply.

- 2.4.3 *Externally illuminated signs* shall use a shielded light source.
- 2.4.4 *Signs* that are *internally illuminated* are subject to the following regulations:
- a. A *sign* having individually, incised plastic, metal or glass letters or symbols shall be mounted in a solid opaque *sign* face or directly onto a *building face*.
 - b. Rectangular *sign* cabinets shall have an opaque background with only the letters or symbols illuminated.
- 2.4.5 All wiring and conduits for *illuminated signs* shall be concealed.

2.5 Changeable Copy Signs

- 2.5.1 Changeable copy is restricted to 40% of the *sign area* except that in the case of *fascia signs* for theatres it is not restricted.

2.6 Signs on Public Right-Of-Ways

- 2.6.1 No *sign* shall be located upon or over any public right-of-way, street or sidewalk or public property, except as permitted by this bylaw.
- 2.6.2 No *sign* shall interfere with or obstruct any traffic control device as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 318, or in any other way interfere with visibility from one street to another.
- 2.6.3 No *sign* shall be located upon or suspended over a public-right-of-way, street, sidewalk or public place unless the owner of the *business premise* upon which the *sign* is located or affixed has entered into an encroachment agreement with the *City*, in a form acceptable to the *City*.

2.7 Exemptions

- 2.7.1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this bylaw, the following types of *signs* are exempt from this bylaw:
- a. *Address signs* not exceeding 0.3 m² (3.2 sq. ft);
 - b. *Signs* on or over *City* streets for the control of traffic and parking, or for street names, or directions and administered by the *City*;
 - c. Traffic control devices under the *Motor Vehicle Act of British Columbia*;
 - d. Notices issued by or required by the *City*, the *Government of British Columbia* or the *Government of Canada*;
 - e. *Political Signs*;
 - f. *Bus shelter signs* intended for public convenience and administered by the *City*;
 - g. Private celebrations or holiday decorations of a temporary or seasonal nature displayed for not more than 60 days;
 - h. Flags and emblems of political, civic, educational or religious organization not exceeding 4.0 m² (43.1 sq. ft.);
 - i. *Murals*;
 - j. Display of goods placed inside a window;
 - k. Gravestones, cornerstones, plaques or other markers placed for historical, commemoration or memorial purposes.