



District of Sicamous

Sign Bylaw No. 814, 2011

Excerpt - Political Signs

The complete bylaw is available on our website at

<https://sicamous.civicweb.net/filepro/document/16361/Sign%20Bylaw%20No.%20814.pdf>

“Sign, Flashing” means a sign which includes or reflects an intermittent or flashing light source but excludes an automatic changeable copy sign indicating time, temperature, date or electronically controlled messages and flashing signs having an illuminated area of less than 1 m²;

“Sign, Freestanding” means a self-supporting sign supported by a sign structure permanently fixed to the ground and standing independent from any other building or other structure;

“Sign, Home Occupation” means a sign identifying a lawful home occupation carried on in residential premises;

“Sign, Illuminated” means any sign artificially illuminated by an internal or external source;

“Sign, Off Premises” means a sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or thing not located on the parcel on which the sign is located;

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“Sign, Political” means a sign identifying any candidate, group of candidates, slate, elector organization, political party or issue for a federal, provincial, local government or school district election, by-election or referendum;

“Sign, Portable” means any readily transportable sign that can be relocated to another location or temporarily set up and removed from a site, excluding portable sandwich board signs;

“Sign, Portable Sandwich Board” means a non-illuminated portable sign that is not permanent, affixed to a building, structure or the ground. It is made of two sides that are connected at the top and can be folded together;

“Sign, Projecting/Hanging” means any sign other than an awning/canopy or fascia sign, which is attached to and projects horizontally from the wall or face of a building or hangs vertically from an awning or canopy;

“Sign, Real Estate” means a sign indicating that the parcel or premises on which the sign is located is for sale or lease;

“Sign, Roof” means any sign erected, constructed and maintained above the roof line of a building, within the peripheral dimension of such building and fastened or attached to or supported on such roof;

“Sign, Rotating” means any sign or portion of a sign which moves in a revolving or turning manner but excludes those revolving or turning having an area less than 1 m²;

“Sign, Temporary” means a sign displayed for a specified period, announcing or advertising on event of limited duration;

“Sign, Vehicle” means a sign painted on or attached to a vehicle but shall not be interpreted to include signage on public transit buses, lettering or logos painted on or fastened by adhesives to commercial vehicles identifying the business or owner, taxi signs or temporary “Open House” display signs on real estate vehicles;

“Sign, Window” means a sign that is applied or attached to a window in such a manner that it can be seen from the exterior of the structure through the window and shall not block the clear view of exits or entrances and shall maintain visibility into the interior of the premises at all times;

- 13) notice or bulletin boards not exceeding 2 m² in area for the medical, public, charitable or religious institutions where the same are located on the premises of the said institution;
- 14) placards, playbills, advertising signs, writings or pictures placed on District structures provided for this purpose;
- 15) temporary real estate signs advertising property for sale or lease having a maximum area of 3 m² with not more than four signs, one sign for each street frontage and shall not be illuminated and shall be removed by the owner of the parcel within 7 days of sale of the property;
- 16) window signs;
- 17) portable sandwich board signs; and

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- 18) **political Signs provided that such signs:**
 - a) are not installed before a Provincial or Federal election is officially called or before the start of the nomination period of a local government or school district election;
 - b) are not installed more than thirty (30) days before the date of a referendum vote;
 - c) are removed within four (4) days after the election or referendum vote;
 - d) are no larger than 1 m² in area;
 - e) are placed on private property with the consent of the owner or occupier;
 - f) do not obstruct or otherwise interfere with sight lines or movement of motor vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists or any other, or obstruct the visibility of regulatory signs or other traffic control devices; and
 - g) are not displayed or distributed on days designated as voting days within 100 meters (328 feet) of a building or other place where voting for local elections, by-elections, referenda or other voting is being conducted.

6.9 Non-Conforming Signs

- 1) Any sign lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this Bylaw, although such sign does not conform to the provisions of this Bylaw, may continue to be used provided it is maintained in a clean and safe condition.
- 2) Any sign lawfully in existence at the time of adoption of this Bylaw shall not be reconstructed, altered or moved except in full compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

7 PERMITTED SIGNS:

7.1 Awning/Canopy Signs

- 1) An Awning or Canopy sign is permitted only if it:
 - a) does not extend higher than the first storey;
 - b) does not project more than 1.5 metres;
 - c) does not extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of the awning or canopy;
 - d) is located at least 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) above the ground, pavement or sidewalk below the sign or 5 metres (16.4 feet) over a vehicle access;
 - e) has a maximum height of 1.5 metres (4.9 feet);
 - f) has one canopy sign on each end of a canopy attached to a business premises; and,
 - g) has a maximum copy area of 50% of the surface of a awning or canopy.
- 2) All canopy signs attached to a face of a canopy shall be of uniform height and clearance.