

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

BYLAW NO. 8115

A BYLAW to amend various provisions of  
Burnaby Sign Bylaw 1972

The Council of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby ENACTS  
as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as BURNABY SIGN BYLAW  
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2, 1983.

2. Section 2 of Bylaw No. 6163, being BURNABY SIGN BYLAW  
1972, is amended:

(a) by striking out the definition "Awning" and  
substituting therefor the following:

"'Awning' means a retractable hood or cover which  
projects from the wall of a building."

(b) by striking out the definition "Canopy or Marquee" and  
substituting therefor the following:

"'Canopy or Marquee' means a non-retractable hood  
or cover which projects from the wall of a  
building but does not include a projecting roof."

(c) by striking out the definition "Director of Planning"  
and substituting therefor the following:

"'Director of Planning' means the Director  
Planning & Building Inspection of the District of  
Burnaby."

(d) by adding thereto, immediately after the definition  
"District", the following:

"'Grade' means the average finished ground level directly underneath the sign. Where a sign is located over a street, the average finished grade shall mean the elevation established by the Director Engineering for the surface of the public sidewalk or boulevard."

(f) by striking out the definition "Sign" and substituting therefor the following:

"'Sign' means any structure, device, advertisement, advertising device or visual representation that is visible from any street, highway, lane or from any property other than the one on which it is located, and that is intended to advertise, identify, or communicate information or attract the attention of the public for any purpose and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes any symbols, letters, figures, illustrations or painted forms."

(g) by striking out the definition "Sign, Animated" and substituting therefor the following:

"'Sign, Animated' means an illuminated or non-illuminated sign that exhibits moving letters or symbols, changing or moving colour effects, including multi-panel copy changers, but does not include illuminated changing message system signs or signs that display only the time, temperature or date."

(h) by striking out the definition "Sign, Facia" and substituting therefor the following:

"'Sign, Facia' means a flat sign, including a permanent window sign, which does not project more than one foot from the face or wall of the building upon which it is affixed, painted or attached, running parallel for its whole length to the face or wall of the building, and which does not extend beyond the horizontal width of such building. A facia sign that is an illuminated changing message system sign may project to a maximum distance of 15 inches from the face or wall of the building upon which it is attached."

(i) by striking out the definition "Sign, Flashing" and substituting therefor the following:

"'Sign, Flashing' means an illuminated sign which contains flashing lights, exhibits pronounced changes in light intensity or exhibits rapid repetition of illumination but does not include illuminated changing message system signs or signs that display only the time, temperature or date."

(j) by adding thereto, immediately after the definition "Sign, Illuminated", the following:

"'Sign, Illuminated Changing Message System' means an illuminated sign, excluding manually operated signs and multi-panel copy changers, which is capable of displaying changing or moving messages, effected through the automatic switching of lamps, but which is not used to exhibit rapid repetition of changes in light intensity."

(k) by striking out the definition "Sign, Maximum Height of" and substituting therefor the following:

"'Sign, Maximum Height of' means the vertical distance measured from the grade as defined in this Bylaw to the top of such sign. In the case of a roof sign, the maximum height shall be measured from the roof or parapet level at the location of such sign."

(l) by striking out the definition "Sign, Minimum Height of" and substituting therefor the following:

"'Sign, Minimum Height of' means the vertical distance measured from the grade as defined in this Bylaw to the lower limit of such sign."

(m) by adding thereto, immediately after the definition "Sign, Non-Accessory", the following:

"'Sign, Portable' means a sign not permanently attached to the ground or a building."

3. Subsection (1) of section 3 of the said Bylaw is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(1) No sign shall be erected, placed, altered, displayed or moved within the Municipality unless in conformity with this Bylaw, and the contrary shall be unlawful."

4. Subsection 8 of section 5.1 of the said Bylaw is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"5.1 (8) Signs that are not specifically permitted in this Bylaw are hereby prohibited, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following signs are prohibited:

- (a) Animated signs;
- (b) Balcony signs and signs mounted or supported on a balcony;

- (c) Billboard signs;
- (d) Any sign that obstructs any part of a doorway or fire escape;
- (e) Flashing signs;
- (f) Portable signs, except those listed in Schedule No. I of this Bylaw;
- (g) Revolving signs."

5. Subsection (1) of section 5.3 of the said Bylaw is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"5.3 General Siting and Locational Standards

- (1) No business sign, non-accessory sign, special purpose sign or identification sign shall be displayed on, within or above public property, except in the following cases:
  - (a) facia signs provided that they project not more than one foot over public property, except that an illuminated changing message system sign may project a maximum distance of 15 inches over public property,
  - (b) special purpose signs under the provisions of sections (1), (2), (3), (9) and (15) of Schedule No. I,
  - (c) awning signs."

6. Subsection (3) of Section 5.3 of the said Bylaw is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

- "(3) No sign, other than a roof sign, shall extend or project above the parapet of a building or, where there is no parapet, above the roof line of the building to which it is attached. The support structure of a projecting sign may extend vertically to a maximum height of one foot above the parapet of a building or, where there is no

parapet, above the roof line; but the support structure shall be fully enclosed and the enclosure shall not be used for any message or display nor be counted in the area measurement of the sign."

7. Subsection (1) of section 5.4 of the said Bylaw is amended by striking out paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following:

"(a) The minimum height of a canopy sign shall be not less than 9 feet."

8. Subsection (2) of section 5.4 of the said Bylaw is amended by striking out paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following:

"(a) The minimum height of a freestanding sign shall be not less than 9 feet, except where such sign does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

9. Subsection (3) of section 5.4 of the said Bylaw is amended by striking out paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting therefor the following:

"(a) The minimum height of a projecting sign shall be not less than 9 feet.

(b) The area of a projecting sign shall not exceed 80 square feet."

10. Subsection (4) of section 5.4 of the said Bylaw is amended by striking out paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following:

"(d) The maximum height of a roof sign shall not exceed 4 feet."

11. Subsection (1) of section 6.2 of the said Bylaw is amended by inserting "displaying," in the first line thereof immediately after "placing,".

12. Section 6.3 of the said Bylaw is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"6.3 Comprehensive Sign Plan:

Where a comprehensive sign plan is required or provided under Schedule No. VI it shall include the location, size, height, lighting and orientation of all signs, and be submitted for preliminary plan approval to the Director of Planning. A comprehensive plan is subject to the sign area and density requirements of this Bylaw, and shall result in an improved relationship between the various parts of the plan."

13. Subsection (1) of section 6.5 of the said Bylaw is amended by inserting "display," in the first line thereof immediately after "place,".

14. Subsection (4) of Schedule No. I of the said Bylaw is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(4) On-site directional signs, not exceeding six square feet in area, intended to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and vehicles within the site upon which such signs are located, and regulatory signs, not exceeding six square feet in area, intended to control or prohibit parking within the site upon which such signs are located."

15. Subsection (6) of Schedule No. I of the said Bylaw is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(6) Signs not exceeding six square feet in area located upon private property and directed toward the prevention of trespassing."

16. Subsection (8) of Schedule No. I is repealed.

17. Section 1 of Schedule No. II of the said Bylaw is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

"(6) Awning signs"

18. Section 2 of Schedule No. II of the said Bylaw is amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following:

"(1) The maximum height of a freestanding sign shall not exceed 8 feet."

19. Section 2 of Schedule No. II of the said Bylaw is amended by repealing subsection (3) and substituting therefor the following:

"(3) The total area of an awning sign shall not exceed one square foot of sign area for each lineal foot of street frontage of the building to which the sign is attached."

20. Schedule No. III of the said Bylaw is amended by striking out the heading thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"SCHEDULE NO. III - P AND C1 DISTRICTS"

21. Section 1 of Schedule No. III is amended by repealing subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"(2) One sign fronting each street bounding the property. Such sign may be either a business or an identification sign, and may be selected from the following types:

- (a) canopy,
- (b) facia, or
- (c) freestanding sign.



- (3) In P2 Districts, a permitted facia sign may be an illuminated changing message system sign.
- (4) Awning signs."

22. Subsection (1) of section 2 of Schedule No. III is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(1) The total area of an awning sign, a canopy sign or a facia sign shall not exceed a ratio of one square foot of sign area for each lineal foot of street frontage of the building to which the sign is attached."

23. Subsection (3) of section 2 of Schedule No. III is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(3) The maximum height of a freestanding sign shall not exceed 20 feet."

24. Subsection (4) of section 2 of Schedule No. III is repealed.

25. Schedule No. IV of the said Bylaw is amended by striking out the heading thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"SCHEDULE NO. IV - C2, C5, C6, M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6 AND M7 DISTRICTS"

26. Subsection (2) of section 1 of Schedule No. IV is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(2) Two signs fronting each street bounding the property. Both of the signs may be business signs or one may be a business sign and one a non-accessory sign. The signs may be selected from the following types:

- (a) canopy,
- (b) facia,

(c) freestanding, or

(d) projecting sign,

but no non-accessory sign shall be permitted within 50 feet of any property in an A, R, RM or P3 District.

(2A) Awning signs."

27. Subsection (3) of section 1 of Schedule No. IV is amended by inserting "or C6b" in the first line thereof, immediately after "C6a".

28. Section 2 of Schedule No. IV is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

- "(1) The total area of an awning sign, a canopy sign or a facia sign shall not exceed a ratio of two square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of street frontage of the building to which the sign is attached.
- (2) The total area of a freestanding or projecting sign shall not exceed 60 square feet.
- (3) The maximum height of a freestanding sign shall not exceed 20 feet."

29. Subsection (2) of section 1 of Schedule No. V is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

- "(2) Two signs fronting each street bounding the property. Both of the signs may be business signs or one may be a business sign and one a non-accessory sign. The signs may be selected from the following types:
- (a) canopy,
- (b) facia,
- (c) freestanding,
- (d) projecting, or

(e) roof sign,  
but no non-accessory sign shall be permitted within  
50 feet of any property in an A, R, RM or P3  
District.

- (3) In CD Districts based on C3 guidelines and in C3 and C4 Districts, a permitted fascia sign may be an illuminated changing message system sign.
- (4) In shopping centers consisting of a group of retail stores in one or more buildings designed as an integrated unit located in a C3 zoning district on a site with a minimum lot area of 5 acres, a permitted freestanding sign may be an illuminated changing message system sign.
- (5) Awning signs."

30. Subsection (1) of section 2 of Schedule No. V is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(1) The total area of an awning sign or a canopy sign shall not exceed a ratio of two square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of street frontage of the building to which the sign is attached."

31. Subsection (3) of section 2 of Schedule No. V is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(3) The area and height of a freestanding sign shall not exceed the following:

<u>Lot Area</u>	<u>Maximum Sign Area</u>	<u>Maximum Height</u>
Less than 6,000 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.	20 ft.
6,000 sq. ft. to 1 acre	150 sq. ft.	25 ft.
More than 1 acre	200 sq. ft.	30 ft."

32. Schedule No. VI is amended by adding thereto immediately after subsection (2) the following subsection:

"(2A) A comprehensive sign plan may be provided for groups of business premises in buildings on individual lots that together occupy one or more block fronts as regulated by section 6.3 of this Bylaw."

Read a first time this 31st day of October 1983.

Read a second time this 31st day of October 1983.

Read a third time this 21st day of November 1983.

Reconsidered and adopted this 28th day of November 1983.



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