

**PART 8 SIGNS**  
**Division 8.1 Administration**

Administration

- 8.1.1 (1) A *sign* may be erected altered, rebuilt, relocated or attached to any *building, structure* or land only in conformance with the provisions of this Bylaw and Building Bylaw 570 and amendments thereto.
- 8.1.1 (2) A *sign* is considered as a structure under Building Bylaw 570 and amendments thereto.
- 8.1.1 (3) Despite sentences 8.1.1 (1) and 8.1.1 (2) a permit is not required for change or repair of letterings or the internal equipment of *signs*.
- 8.1.1 (4) Despite any other provisions of this Bylaw and Building Bylaw 570, no permit is required for the type of *signs* that are “allowed without permit” under Tables 8.2.2 (a), 8.2.3 (a) and 8.2.4 (a).

**Division 8.2 Sign Restriction by Zoning Designation**

Type of Signs by Purpose

8.2.1 In this Part, the type of a *sign* classified by its purpose is defined as Table 8.2.1 (a) which forms a part of this Bylaw.

Table 8.2.1 (a) – Definition of Signs Classified by Purpose

Type	Definition
Commercial Sign	1) a sign intended to advertise or promote a business, product, service, place or commercial event; 2) a sign showing the list of tenants of a commercial or industrial building or complex; or 3) a sign intended to deliver a religious, social or political message; but, not including home occupation signs, real estate signs and temporary signs.
Directory Sign	1) a sign, usually free-standing or imbedded in a fence, which carries only the name of a housing complex, subdivision, commercial park or industrial park; 2) a sign, usually located on a highway approaching the City, built under the auspices of a government or non-profit organization, and intended to guide tourists to the location of the community or community facilities; or 3) a plaque, cenotaph or similar structure permanently installed to commemorate an event or a person.
Home Occupation Sign	a sign indicating that a home occupation is carried out.
Identification Sign	1) a sign indicating the name of the occupation or address or a non-commercial or non-industrial building; 2) a sign, usually imbedded permanently in a wall or fence, carrying the name or completion date of a building, or non-profit facility; 3) a sign showing the list of tenants of a multiple residential building; or 4) a flag excluding banners and pennants, containing distinctive colours, patterns or symbols used as a symbol of a government or other non-profit organization.
Real Estate Sign	1) a sign, excluding kiosks, located on the subject property, to promote sale, lease or rent of a property; or, 2) a sign installed during the construction of a building or facility on the subject property, and intended to promote sale, lease or rental of the said building or facility.
Regulatory Sign	1) a sign to control or guide vehicular or pedestrian traffic including traffic signs, traffic signals, traffic markings and road name signs, complying with the standards in the latest version of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada; 2) a sign posted and maintained by a law, governmental order, rule or regulation; or 3) a sign within a property intended to prohibit parking, trespassing or dumping.
Temporary Sign	1) a sign indicating that community activity or event such as a fair, exhibition, festival or sport tournament is held; 2) a sign intended for a political campaign during an election or referendum; 3) a sign or decoration, such as Christmas decoration, with or without written message, to celebrate a season, holiday or non-commercial event/anniversary; 4) a sign intended to announce the construction of a public facility funded by a government or non-profit organization; or, 5) a sign, attached on the window of a retail store, announcing a discount sales event.
Column A	Column B

Signs in Residential Zone

8.2.2 *Signs in a residential zone* shall be installed and maintained in accordance with Table 8.2.2 (a), which forms part of this Bylaw.

Table 8.2.2 (a) – Regulation for Type of *Signs in Residential Zone*

Type of Signs	Restriction	Maximum No. of Signs	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Sign Height	Other Requirements
Commercial Sign	Prohibited	Not Applicable			
Directory Sign	Permit required	No restriction			
Home Occupation Sign	Allowed only for one-family dwelling or duplex with a permit	1 per front or exterior side lot line	0.3 m <sup>2</sup> (3.2 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	No size or height restriction for flags
Identification Sign	Allowed without permit	1 per front or exterior side lot line	0.3 m <sup>2</sup> (3.2 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	Lower than the lowest level of roof	
Real Estate sign	Allowed without permit	1 per front or exterior side lot line	1.5 m <sup>2</sup> (16.1 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each for single residence, 6.0 m <sup>2</sup> (64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each for others	1.5 m (4.9 ft) for single residence, 30.0 (9.8 ft) for others	
Regulatory Sign (Private)	Permit required	1 per front or exterior side lot line	0.3 m <sup>2</sup> (3.2 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	Maximum duration of a temporary sign (except construction notice) shall be 60 days
Regulatory Sign (Government)	Allowed without permit	No restriction			
Temporary Sign					
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column E	Column F	Column G

Signs in Commercial and Industrial Zone

8.2.3 *Signs in a commercial or industrial zone* may be installed and maintained in accordance with Table 8.2.3 (a), which forms a part of this Bylaw.

Table 8.2.3 (a) – Sign Regulation In a Commercial Zone or Industrial Zone

Type of Signs	Restriction	Maximum No. of Signs	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Sign Height	Other Requirements
Commercial Sign	Permit required	1 per 30 m of frontage plus 2 per premises	In total, 10.0 m <sup>2</sup> (107 ft <sup>2</sup> ) per lot or per 100 m <sup>2</sup> (1076 ft <sup>2</sup> ) of GFA whichever is greater	15.0 m (49.2 ft) for freestanding sign. Lower than the lowest level of roof or eave for others.	
Directory Sign	Permit required	No restriction			
Home Occupation Sign	Allowed only for one-family dwelling or duplex with permit	1 per front or exterior side lot line	0.3 m <sup>2</sup> (3.2 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	
Identification Sign	Allowed without permit	2 per front or exterior side lot line	6.0 m <sup>2</sup> (64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> ) in total	Not higher than the lowest part of roof or eave	No size or height restriction for flags
Real Estate Sign	Allowed without permit	1 per front or exterior side lot line	6.0 m <sup>2</sup> (64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	
Regulatory Sign (private)	Permit required	No restriction	0.6 m <sup>2</sup> (6.4 ft <sup>2</sup> )	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	Maximum duration of a temporary sign (except construction notice) shall be 60 days
Regulatory Sign (government)	Allowed without permit	No restriction			
Temporary Sign					
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F

8.2.3 (1) Despite Table 8.2.3 (a) the maximum sign area for a portable sign shall be 3.0 m<sup>2</sup> (32 sq ft.). (*Bylaw 899*)

Signs in Public Zone

8.2.4 Signs in a public zone may be installed and maintained in accordance with Table 8.2.4 (a), which forms a part of this Bylaw.

Table 8.2.4 (a) – Sign Regulation in *Public Zone*

Type of Signs	Restriction	Maximum No. of Signs	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Sign Height	Other Requirements
Commercial Sign	Prohibited	Not applicable			
Directory Sign	Permit required	No restriction			
Home Occupation Sign	Prohibited	Not applicable			
Identification Sign	Permit required	1 per front or exterior side lot line	0.6 m <sup>2</sup> (6.4 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	No size or height restriction for flags
Real Estate Sign	Allowed without permit	1 per front or exterior side lot line	6.0 m <sup>2</sup> (64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	3.0 m (16.1 ft)	
Regulatory Sign (private)	Permit required	1 per front or exterior side lot line	0.3 m <sup>2</sup> (3.2 ft <sup>2</sup> ) each	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	Maximum duration of temporary sign (except construction notice) shall be 60 days
Regulatory Sign (Government)	Allowed without permit	No restriction			
Temporary Sign					
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column E	Column F	Column G

### Division 8.3 Form of Signs

#### Permitted Form of Signs

8.3.1 The form of a sign distinguished by its shape, material or the object that the sign is affixed to shall be defined and regulated as per Table 8.3.1 (a), which forms a part of this Bylaw.

Table 8.3.1 (a) – Permitted Form of Signs in each Zone

Form	Definition	Residential Zone	Commercial & Industrial Zone	Public Zone
Air-inflated sign	A sign whose shape or erection is maintained by compressed air or by light gas	Prohibited		
Animated sign	A sign that uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or to create a special effect or scene	Prohibited		
Banner	A sign of light-weight fabric or similar material mounted to a frame at one or more edges, excluding flags and canopy signs	Prohibited	Allowed	
Bench Sign	A sign attached or painted to a bench or a bus-stop shelter on a roadside or in a park	Prohibited	Allowed	
Billboard Sign	A commercial sign, excluding kiosks, where the object promoted by it is located on another parcel	Prohibited		
Canopy Sign	A sign painted, or attached to an awning, canopy or marquee	Prohibited	Allowed	Prohibited
Free-standing Sign	A sign attached to a permanent foundation, which is independent of any building or other structure	Allowed. A free-standing sign shall not be closer than 30.0 m (98.4 ft) to other free-standing sign located in the same lot.		
Kiosk	A free-standing structure showing a number of small signs to promote businesses of same kind or real estates	Prohibited	Allowed one for each lot	Prohibited
Pennant	A light-weight fabric or similar material, that may or may not contain a written message, suspended from a string or wire usually in series.	Prohibited		

Form	Definition	Residential Zone	Commercial & Industrial Zone	Public Zone
Portable Sign	A sign which is not attached to the ground or other permanent structure, such as sandwich board signs, signs on a wheel, signs carried by a person or animal, or signs set upon or supported by a motor vehicle	Prohibited	Allowed one for each premises <b>(Bylaw 899)</b>	Prohibited
Projecting Sign	A sign affixed to a building in a manner that its leading edge extends more than 30 cm beyond the surface of the such building	Prohibited	Allowed one for each premises.	
Roof Sign	1) a sign erected upon or above a roof or parapet of a building, or 2) a sign affixed to a building and extending vertically above the roof line, but 3) excluding projecting signs or canopy signs	Prohibited		
Wall Sign	A sign painted or attached flush to a wall or window, and shall not include projecting signs	Allowed one for each premises.		
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E

8.3.1 (1) Portable signs shall be factory made or be constructed of wood with painted or raised messages on a painted background. **(Bylaw 899)**

#### Setback

8.3.2 Despite any other provision of this Bylaw, a *free-standing sign or a kiosk* in any zone shall be sited in accordance with Table 8.3.2 (a) which forms part of this Bylaw.

Table 8.3.2 (a) – *Setback of Free-standing Signs and Kiosks*

Style of Signs	Minimum Front Lot Line Setback	Minimum Interior Side Lot Line Setback	Minimum Exterior Side Lot Line Setback	Minimum Rear Lot Line Setback
<i>Free-standing Kiosk</i>	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	0.5 m (1.64 ft) <b>(Bylaw 1000)</b>	3.0 m (9.8 ft)	6.0 m (19.7 ft)
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E

### Highway Encroachment

- 8.3.3 (1) When a *sign* or any part of a *sign* encroaches onto a highway or a public place, the owner shall obtain written approval from the *City Engineer* before installation.
- 8.3.3 (2) Signs projecting over a pedestrian area shall have a clearance to the underside of the projection of at least 2.8 m (9.2 ft) above grade or sidewalk.
- 8.3.3 (3) Signs projecting over a vehicular traffic area shall have a clearance to the underside of the projection of at least 4.5 (14.8 ft) above grade.

Note: Sentence 2.5.2 (3)

“When a *building, structure, sign* or any part of it encroaches onto a highway or a public place, the owner shall enter into an encroachment agreement in accordance with Highway Encroachment Bylaw 628 and amendments thereto.”

### Nuisance Signs

- 8.3.4 (1) A *sign* may not be erected or lighted in such a manner as to interfere with:
- (a) the ability of a motorist to see oncoming traffic;
  - (b) the visibility at an access to or egress from a highway; or
  - (c) the visibility of a highway traffic control device.
- 8.3.4 (2) A *sign* may not be illuminated or equipped with flashing, oscillating or moving lights or beacons in such a manner as to cast a direct beam on any highway or residential premises.
- 8.3.4 (3) No *sign except regulatory signs* shall be attached or painted to a power pole, telephone pole, street light pole or traffic control device.

## **PART 9 REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

### Repealing Bylaws

9.0.1 (1) City of Castlegar Zoning Bylaw 553 is hereby repealed.

9.0.1 (2) City of Castlegar Sign Bylaw 385 is hereby repealed.

### Effective Date

9.0.2 This Bylaw shall come to full force upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1998.

READ A SECOND TIME on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1999.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1999.

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1999.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1999.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1999.

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MIKE O'CONNOR, MAYOR

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DIANE HUNTER, CITY CLERK

LIST OF AMENDING BYLAWS  
Zoning Bylaw 800

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
877*	1999.05.25
884*	1999.08.16
898	2000.02.07
899	2000.03.20
903*	2000.04.03
786*	2000.06.27
914*	2001.01.08
923*	2001.05.07
929*	2001.08.13
935*	2001.12.24
940*	2002.04.02
946*	2002.07.15
947*	2002.09.03
958*	2003.04.07
963*	2003.04.22
965*	2003.04.22
966	2003.05.20
970*	2003.06.16
972*	2003.09.15
974	2003.10.06
981*	2004.05.17
987*	2004.03.15
991*	2004.06.28
993*	2004.07.19
995*	2004.07.27
999*	2004.11.01
1000	2005.06.06
1024*	2005.12.19
1028*	2005.10.03
1030	2007.09.04
1034*	2006.03.20
1036*	2006.04.03
1041	2006.09.26
1042*	2006.07.10
1043*	2006.08.14
1044*	2007.01.08
1050*	2007.03.05
1059*	2007.09.04
1062	2008.06.23
1067*	2007.09.04
1085*	2008.04.23
1086*	2008.11.08
1089*	2008.08.18
1091*	2008.08.20

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<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
1108	2009.09.08
1119	2010.04.08
1122	2010.04.08
1136	2010.12.13