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CITY OF KAMLOOPS

SIGN REGULATIONS BY-LAW NO. 11-77
(AS AMENDED)

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The Municipal Council of the City of Kamloops, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This by-law may be cited for all purposes as the "City of Kamloops Sign Regulations By-law No. 11-77, 2001".
2. City of Kamloops Sign Regulations By-law No. 11-66 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

DIVISION ONE - PREAMBLE

100 Short Title

This by-law may be cited as the "Sign By-law" of the City of Kamloops.

101 Purposes

This by-law shall be for the following purposes:

1. To protect the appearance of the City from the effect of signs which may be inappropriate as to size or location.
2. To permit the proper identification of businesses within the City and to indicate to the extent permitted by this by-law the types and trade names of goods and services manufactured or sold on the premises in question.
3. To protect signs and lights erected for the direction of traffic from the effects of all conflicting signs.
4. To prevent the confusion which may arise from the undue conflict of commercial and other signs.
5. To protect residential areas from inappropriate signs of all kinds.

102 Metric Units

Metric units are used for all measurements in this by-law.

103 Inspection

Any employee of the City appointed to administer or enforce the provisions of this by-law is hereby authorized to enter at all reasonable times upon any property to ascertain whether the regulations and provisions herein contained are being or have been complied with. It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent or obstruct, or seek to prevent or obstruct any official in, or from the carrying out of an official duty under this by-law.

104 Legal Non-Conforming Signs

1. Any sign in existence and use in the city on the date of adoption of this by-law, which does not conform to, and comply with the provisions hereto, shall be considered a legal, non-conforming sign and shall be allowed to remain in use provided it also meets the following requirements:
 - a) the sign was legally authorized by the issuance of a valid sign permit prior to its installation;
 - b) the sign was in compliance with all applicable regulations on the date of adoption of this by-law.
2. Legal non-conforming signs shall retain this status only until they are structurally changed or moved, at which time a permit shall be required for so doing, and the sign shall be brought into compliance with this by-law, or shall be removed.

105 Application

This by-law applies to all signs in the City except the following:

1. Signs located inside a building not visible from any street or adjacent property;
2. Signs on or over City streets erected or authorized by the Public Services and Operations Branch for the control of traffic and parking, or for street names and directions;
3. Street decorations authorized by the Public Services and Operations Branch;
4. Public notices authorized by City by-laws or Provincial or Federal legislation except as set out in Division Six of this by-law;
5. Signs authorized by the City in connection with parkland and public conveniences, including informational displays, signs on bus benches, bus stop shelters or other similar structures;
6. Building addresses containing number and street only.
7. Name and/or address plates for private residences.
8. Signs regulating private parking lots and no larger than 1 m² in area.
9. Name and/or address plates for commercial use such as professional offices provided that such signs shall be no larger than 0.1 m² and limited to one per business.
10. Murals provided they contain no advertising content.

106 Severability

If any provision of this by-law is found invalid, such provision is severable and shall not affect the validity of the by-law as a whole.

107 Appendix "A"

The appendix attached to this by-law is intended for convenience only and does not form part of this by-law. If any discrepancy occurs between the by-law and Appendix "A", the by-law shall be considered correct.

DIVISION TWO - DEFINITIONS

All words or phrases shall have their normal or common meaning except where this is changed, modified or expanded by the definitions set forth in this Division.

200 Animated Sign

"Animated Sign" means any sign which includes action or motion, flashing, or colour changes of all or any part of the sign, but shall not include time and temperature, rotating or changeable copy signs.

201 Awning

"Awning" means a shelter supported entirely from the exterior wall of a building and composed of non-rigid materials except for the supporting framework.

202 Awning Sign

"Awning Sign" means an identification sign painted or affixed flat to the surface of an awning which does not extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of such awning.

203 Billboard Sign

"Billboard Sign" means an off-premises sign that advertises goods, products, services or facilities or directs persons to a different location than where the sign is located.

204 Canopy or Marquee

"Canopy or Marquee" means a permanent roofed structure, which is attached to and wholly supported by the building, and which may project over public property.

205 Canopy or Marquee Sign

"Canopy or Marquee Sign" means a sign attached to or constructed in or on the face of a canopy or marquee.

206 Changeable Copy Sign

"Changeable Copy Sign" means a sign or portion of a sign on which copy can be changed electronically or manually through the use of attachable letters, numerals and pictorial panels or electronic switching of lamps or illuminated tubes, but does not include a billboard.

207 City

"City" means the City of Kamloops.

208 Clearance

"Clearance" means the vertical distance between the underside of a sign and finished grade immediately below.

209 Copy Area

"Copy Area" means the area within a circle, square or rectangle, or a combination of these figures, which encloses the advertising message or announcement.

210 Curb Line

"Curb Line" means the line at the vertical face of the curb nearest the street or roadway. In the absence of a curb, the curb line shall be established by the Public Services and Operations Branch where required.

211 Development Services Department Inspector

"Development Services Department Inspector" means the Community Development Supervisor, Planner, Planning Technician, Chief Building Inspector, Building Inspector, or such other person appointed by the City to administer this by-law.

212 Directional Sign

"Directional Sign" means an on-site incidental sign indicating the direction only of a business, parking area, product, service or event for the purpose of directing pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

213 Fascia Sign

"Fascia Sign" means a sign which is in any manner affixed flat to the wall or fascia of a building, whether forming part of the building or not, and having the exposed face thereof on a plane approximately parallel to the plane of such wall.

214 Free-standing Sign

"Free-standing Sign" means and includes any sign except billboards, wholly supported from the ground by a structural member or members, independently of and visibly separated from any building or other structure and permanently fixed to the ground.

215 Frontage

"Frontage" means the length of the property line of any lot parallel to and along each legally accessible public street, excluding a lane or alleyway, that it borders.

216 Grade

"Grade" means the elevation established by the Public Services and Operations Branch for the surface of the sidewalk or boulevard adjacent to any sign abutting or encroaching into a street, or the elevation of the finished ground surface directly below a sign, as determined by the Development Services Department Inspector.

217 Height of Sign

"Height of Sign" means the vertical distance measured from the highest point of the sign to grade.

218 Identification Sign

"Identification Sign" means a sign which is limited to the name, address and number of a building, institution or person and to the activity carried on in the building or institution, or the occupation of the person.

219 Illuminated Sign

"Illuminated Sign" means a sign in which a source of artificial light is used in order to make readable the message, and shall include internally and externally lighted signs and reflectorized, glowing or radiating signs.

220 Mansard Roof

"Mansard Roof" means any portion of a roof which has a pitch of 30 degrees or less when measured against a vertical plane.

221 Mansard Roof Sign

"Mansard Roof Sign" means a sign attached to the slope of a mansard roof.

222 Monument Sign

"Monument Sign" means a low profile free-standing sign that has no vertical clearance between the ground and the bottom of the sign.

223 Mural

"Mural" means an artistic rendering or drawing painted or otherwise applied to a building face which is intended as a public display, but does not include advertising text content and is not a fascia sign.

224 Off-Premise Sign

"Off-Premise Sign" means a sign that advertises goods, products, services or facilities or directs a person to a different location from where the sign is installed, exclusive of billboards.

225 Penthouse

"Penthouse" means a structure projecting above a building roof or parapet, housing a suite, elevator shaft or stairwell or forming a wall around equipment mounted on the roof.

226 Person

"Person" means, in addition to its ordinary meaning, a partnership, association, company, society and body corporate.

227 Portable Sign

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

228 Projecting Sign

"Projecting Sign" means any sign other than a wall, canopy or fascia sign which is attached to and projects from the face or wall of a building or structure.

229 Public Services and Operations Branch

"Public Services and Operations Branch" means the Public Services and Operations Branch of the City of Kamloops.

230 Roofline

"Roofline" means the line made by the profile of uppermost structure of the building on whichever face fronts the street.

231 Roof Sign

"Roof Sign" means any sign incorporated into a penthouse or other structure architecturally compatible with the building which is erected upon, against, or directly above a roof or on top of or above a parapet of a building, and wholly supported by said building.

232 Rotating Sign

"Rotating Sign" means any sign or portion of a sign which moves in a revolving or similar manner.

233 Sandwich Board Sign

"Sandwich Board Sign" means non-illuminated signs having an "A" shape which is set upon the ground and has no external support structure.

234 Sign

"Sign" means any symbol, identification, description, illustration or device, illuminated or non-illuminated, which is visible from any public place or is located on private property and exposed to the public, and which directs attention to a product, service, place, activity, person, institution, business or solicitation, including any permanently installed or situated merchandise, with the exception of window displays. For the purposes of removal, signs shall also include all sign supporting structures.

235 Sign Area

"Sign Area" means the entire area of a sign on which copy could be placed. In the case of a double-face or multi face sign only half of the total area of all sign faces will be counted in sign area calculation. The area of individual letter signs shall be calculated on the basis of the smallest rectangles that will enclose the text or figures of the sign.

236 Signable Area

"Signable Area" means the area of a building face within which a fascia sign may be located.

237 Swinging Sign

"Swinging Sign" means a sign installed on an arm or span that is not, in addition, permanently fastened to an adjacent wall or upright pole.

238 Temporary Sign

"Temporary Sign" means a sign displayed for a limited or specified period of time as stated in the appropriate sections of this by-law.

239 Third Party Advertising

"Third Party Advertising" means content on a sign which directs attention to products sold or services provided which cannot be considered as the principal product sold or principal services provided on the premises at which the sign is located.

240 Under Canopy Sign

"Under Canopy Sign" means a sign suspended from a canopy and contained entirely under such canopy.

241 Wall Sign

"Wall Sign" means a form of fascia sign painted on the exterior wall or other integral part of a building. A wall sign is not a mural.

DIVISION THREE - GENERAL PROVISIONS

300 No person shall construct, place, erect, display, alter, repair or relocate any sign which does not conform to and comply with the provisions set forth in this by-law, except that normal maintenance of an existing legal, nonconforming sign shall be permitted.

301 No sign shall be located or displayed in such a manner that it may obstruct any window, door opening, passageway, ventilator, fire escape, walkway, stairway or similar feature.

302 The construction, erection, posting, displaying and maintenance of posters, handbills, advertising cards or other signage on street lights, utility poles, fences or on or above any street or highway is prohibited. This section shall not apply to posters, placards, notices or traffic control signs posted by or on behalf of the City or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

303 Except as specifically provided by this by-law, no sign shall be displayed except on the premises to which the sign refers and which the sign is intended to advertise, identify, provide information on, or attract attention to.

304 No sign shall be displayed where it will interfere or otherwise obstruct any traffic control device, or in any way interfere with visibility when accessing a street, or with visibility from one street to another.

305 When a sign cannot be clearly identified as any of the sign types in Division Five of this by-law, or being a combination of two or more sign types, the Development Services Department Inspector shall determine the sign type and the applicable regulations.

306 It shall be the responsibility of the owner and person or persons constructing, erecting, enlarging, converting, altering or relocating any sign to ensure that such signage shall be maintained in a safe condition and in compliance with the requirements of this by-law.

307 Every electrical sign shall be approved and labelled as conforming to the Canadian Standards Association or shall conform to the Provincial Electrical Code of British Columbia.

308 Every free-standing sign shall have the manufacturer's name and the weight of the sign on a name plate fastened to the exterior of the sign in a location readily visible when the sign is in place.

309 Sign illumination shall be arranged that all direct rays of artificial light do not shine on any adjoining properties.

DIVISION FOUR - PERMITS AND FEES

400 No person shall construct, erect, enlarge, convert, alter or relocate any sign except those exempted under this by-law without first having obtained a valid permit to do so as herein provided.

401 At the time of application for a sign permit, the applicant shall pay a fee which shall be based upon the fee schedule attached as Schedule "E".

402 The applicant for a sign permit shall make written application to the Development Services Department on the form available therein. Such application shall include the following:

1. The street address, legal description, and Certificate of Title of the site of the proposed sign;
2. The name and address of the person constructing, erecting, enlarging, converting, altering or relocating the sign and, if different, the manufacturer of the sign;
3. The name and address of the person for whose benefit the sign is being constructed, erected, enlarged, converted, altered or relocated, and where other than the owner of the premises in question, the name of the owner;
4. Authorization of the property owner.
5. One complete set of plans and specifications drawn to a standard scale acceptable to the Development Services Department Inspector showing:
 - a) the dimensions, weight and area of the sign;
 - b) the overall height of the sign and clearance beneath it measured from finished grade;
 - c) the proposed location of the sign in relation to the face of the building or in front of which it is to be affixed;
 - d) the proposed location of the sign in relation to the legal boundaries of the lot it is to be located upon. In the case of projecting signs which will project over public property, the width of sidewalk on which it projects or location of curb or edge of paved surface in relation to the sign projection;
 - e) the size, type and location of all other signs on the subject property, where applicable;

- f) sufficient detail of the sign face design to allow for calculation of copy area;
- g) structural and material specifications and, where applicable, foundation base design detail approved by a registered structural engineer licensed to practice in the Province of British Columbia certifying that the sign is designed to meet the applicable dead load and wind resistance requirements for free-standing signs, awnings and canopies.

5. The required permit fee as set out in Schedule "E" attached to and forming part of this by-law.

403 The Development Services Department Inspector may require as a condition of applying for the permit that all drawings and specifications, or any part thereof, be prepared, signed and sealed by, and the construction carried out under the supervision of, a professional engineer registered in the Province of British Columbia, and he may refuse to issue such permit until he is provided with a letter signed by such professional engineer undertaking to supervise the work authorized by the permit or any part thereof as specified by the Development Services Department Inspector until such work is completed.

404 The Development Services Department Inspector, upon being satisfied that the proposed sign for which proper application has been made conforms to this by-law and all other pertinent regulations of the City, may issue the appropriate sign permit.

405 If the work for which a permit was issued is not carried out within six months of the date of issuance of the permit, such permit shall be deemed to have expired.

DIVISION FIVE - SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

500 The purpose of this Division is to provide the basic specifications for each sign type. Specific regulations for the various zones as identified in the City of Kamloops Zoning By-law, as amended from time to time, are contained in Sign Zone Schedules "A" to "E" inclusive attached to and forming part of this by-law.

Where a new zone is created and incorporated into the City's Zoning By-law after the adoption of this by-law, such new zone shall be considered to be included in the schedule and zone group to which it most closely relates.

501 AWNINGS/AWNING SIGNS

Sign Area

1. Awning signs shall be confined to the limits of the awning, and the copy area shall not exceed 40 percent of the awning surface.
2. The maximum sign area shall be 1.0 m² per lineal metre of awning length fronting the business premises related to the sign.

3. Signage shall be permitted only on the exterior front or the side face of an awning, and the sign shall not project more than 75 mm from the surface of the awning.

Projection

4. Awnings shall not project closer than 0.6 m to the curb line measured horizontally.

Clearance

5. The minimum vertical clearance of an awning from the nearest finished grade shall be 2.5 m.

Location

6. Awning signs shall be located on the premises to which the sign refers.

502 BILLBOARD SIGNS

- (1) Billboard signs shall only be permitted in commercial and industrial zones as specified in Sign Schedules "C" and "D" and are specifically prohibited on any lots with frontage on highway corridors within the boundaries of the City.
- (2) Billboard signs shall be subject to the following regulations:
 - (a) sign structures shall be located within fully enclosed containers, finished on both front and rear sides;
 - (b) decorative trim shall be used to frame the structure enclosing the front and rear sides;
 - (c) signs located on vacant undeveloped lots shall maintain a minimum setback from any property line abutting a street of 2.0 m. On developed lots signs shall not project closer to the street than the front wall of the building. Signs shall not project over any other property line of the site upon which they are located;
 - (d) a maximum of one billboard sign per lot shall be permitted;
 - (e) sign structures shall not exceed a height of 6.0 m and a sign area of 20 m²; and
 - (f) signs shall be maintained in good condition, and the ground around the sign shall be kept clean and free of weeds on a regular basis.

503 CANOPIES AND CANOPY (MARQUEE) SIGNS

Sign Area

1. The maximum sign area shall be 1.0 m² per lineal metre of the canopy frontage limited in length to the portion of canopy fronting the business premises related to the sign. For theatres and cinemas, this ratio may be increased to 2.4 m² per lineal metre.
2. The area of a sign located on either side of a canopy shall not exceed half the area of a sign located on the front of the canopy. For a semicircular canopy, the centre half of the perimeter shall be counted as the front of the canopy.

Vertical Dimension

3. The vertical dimension of a canopy sign shall not exceed 1.0 m. For theatres and cinemas, the maximum shall be 1.5 m.

Projection

4. Canopy signs shall be directly attached to the fascia of the canopy but shall not:
 - a) project below the lower edge of the canopy;
 - b) project above the top of the canopy provided;
 - c) in no case shall the top of the sign be higher than 8.0 m above the nearest finished grade or extend above the roofline of the building to which the canopy is affixed.

Canopy Clearance

5. The minimum vertical clearance of a canopy sign from the nearest finished grade shall be 2.5 m in pedestrian areas and 5.0 m in vehicular areas.
6. The canopy must not project closer than 0.6 m to the curb line measured horizontally.

Location

7. Canopy signs shall be located on the premises to which the sign refers.

504 CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS

1. Changeable copy signs shall not exceed in copy area, one half of the total area of the sign face upon which they are located, to a maximum of 10 m².

2. Changeable copy signs shall form an integral part or be attached to a free-standing, fascia, marquee or canopy sign and must appear as a symmetrical and integral part of the sign.
3. Notwithstanding the terms of this section, in the case of theatres, coliseums and other entertainment and recreational establishments where constant changes of events necessitate similar changes in the message of the sign, the changeable copy area may occupy the entire area of the sign and must comply with the maximum size permitted for fascia signs to a maximum of 10 m².

505 FASCIA SIGNS/WALL SIGNS

Signable Area

1. The signable area of a fascia sign/wall sign shall be the space between the lower and upper limits on the face of a building as defined below:
 - a) the lower limit shall be the lintel or window head of the first storey, but in no case shall it be lower than 2.5 m from the finished grade immediately below, except that signs which:
 - i) are located entirely over private property and are over a landscaped area or other restriction designed to keep pedestrian traffic away from the sign; or
 - ii) are entirely recessed within the wall or do not project more than 2.5 cm from the wall (e.g. painted wall signs),

may be permitted a lesser clearance provided such signs do not conflict with windows or entranceways.
 - b) The upper limit shall be the top or eave level of the wall or fascia to which the signs are affixed;

Sign Area

2. The maximum sign area shall be 1.0 m² per lineal metre of wall length of the wall to which the fascia sign is affixed.
3. Only the frontage of the business on which the sign is located shall be used for sign area calculations.

Projection

4. A fascia sign/wall sign shall not project over public property more than 0.45 m.

Location

5. Fascia signs/wall signs shall be located only on the wall of the building containing the business premises to which the sign refers. Where more than one business occupies a building, provision shall be made where feasible to provide sign space on the fascia for each such business by limiting each sign to the portion of the frontage containing the business referred to.
6. When the side wall of a building faces onto an open space (including a parking lot) which is part of the same property belonging to the same owner and such open space has a street frontage of not less than 8 m, a fascia sign/wall sign shall be permitted on such side wall, provided such sign does not face onto a residence in the adjoining property. The sign area for such fascia sign/wall sign shall be calculated as if such side wall has a length equivalent to the street frontage of the open space.
7. Businesses located in portions of the premises not on street frontage shall be permitted signage on the street frontage of the building, provided that the sign(s) are located in conformity with other signage on the premises and the maximum allowable sign area for each building face is not exceeded.

506 FREE-STANDING SIGNS

Sign Area

1. The permitted area of individual free-standing signs is established within the sign area regulations of the sign schedules attached to this by-law. Notwithstanding, the area of each free-standing sign shall not exceed 1.5% of the area of the parcel upon which it is situated to a maximum of 18 m².

Number of Signs

2.
 - a) The number of signs on a site shall not exceed the lesser of one for every two businesses or one for each street frontage, provided that the total number of free-standing signs shall not exceed three.
 - b) Where two or more signs are permitted on a site, such signs shall be located no less than 30 m apart.

Projections

3. Free-standing signs shall not project over public property.

Clearance

4. The minimum vertical clearance over:
 - a) driveways and other vehicular traffic areas shall be 5 m;

- b) pedestrian areas shall be 2.5 m.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4), low profile (monument style) free-standing signs may be permitted with no vertical clearance requirements provided:
- a) such signs are located in a landscaped or otherwise traffic free area, or
 - b) the sign base is equipped with cladding the width of the sign or is otherwise designed with no overhanging or projecting features.

Location

- 6. Free-standing signs shall be located on the premises to which the sign refers.
- 7. The minimum clearance between the sign structure and any building on the premises shall be 1.5 m.
- 8. Free-standing signs located within 30 m of residential zones shall be restricted to a maximum height of 4 m and be monument style.

Height

- 9. The maximum height of a free-standing sign shall be as set out in the Sign Schedules for the zone in question.

507 MANSARD ROOF SIGNS

Sign Area

- 1. The sign area for mansard roof signs shall be as set out in Section 505 for fascia signs. Calculations shall be based upon the wall length on the side of the building the sign will be located upon.

A sign, other than a projecting sign, may be attached to the face of, or located on the sloping surface of a mansard roof in lieu of a fascia sign.

Location

- 2. Mansard roof signs shall not project below the lower edge or above the top edge of the roof or fascia.
- 3. Mansard roof signs shall be located on the premises to which the sign refers, and shall be restricted to one sign per street frontage.

508 PROJECTING SIGNS

Sign Area

1. In no case shall the sign area exceed 0.45 m² per lineal metre of building frontage to a maximum of 5.0 m².
2. Only the building frontage of the first storey of the building on which the sign will be located shall be used for sign area calculation.
3. When a projecting sign is located at the corner of a building on a corner site, in accordance with the requirements of subsection (6), the sign area for such sign shall be calculated on the basis of the larger of the two building frontages.

Projection

4. A projecting sign shall not project closer than 0.6 m horizontally to the street curb line, or more than 1.5 m over public property.

Clearance

5. A minimum clearance of 2.5 m above the nearest finished grade shall be maintained, except where the sign is located over a driveway, lane or parking aisle, the minimum clearance shall be 5 m.

Location

6. Projecting signs shall not be located higher than 7.5 m from the nearest finished grade or more than 0.6 m above the eave level of the wall to which they are affixed, whichever is lower.
7. Projecting signs shall be located only on the building frontage of the business to which the sign refers and shall be located within the centre one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the wall length on which the sign is erected.

509 ROOF SIGNS

Roof signs shall be permitted only in the form of a penthouse, dormer/gable or similar architectural projection of the building. Blade or flat sign projections are not permitted. The structure housing the sign must be finished in materials and colours matching the remainder of the building.

Sign Area

1. The maximum sign area for each site shall be 15 m².

Number of Signs

2. No more than one roof sign shall be permitted on each site except that rectangular or square penthouse structures may be designed to accommodate one sign on each side provided that all four messages or logos are identical and do not exceed the maximum sign area of 15 m².

Location

3. Roof signs shall be located on the premises to which the sign refers.

Height

4. The maximum height of a penthouse sign structure above the main roof of the building shall be 4.5 m.
5. The top of the roof sign must not extend above the highest point of the roof or penthouse/dormer/gable structure, whichever is higher.

510 SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS

Private Property

1. Sandwich Board Signs shall be limited to one sign per storefront and shall be located on private property subject to the following conditions:
 - a) be located immediately adjacent to the store front to which the sign pertains;
 - b) have no security chains, ropes, electrical extensions or other attachments to the sign;
 - c) be constructed with a cross brace so that the sign is not collapsible; and
 - d) use high contrast colours including a contrasting border to increase visibility.
 - e) sandwich board signs shall be limited to a maximum width of 0.6 m and a maximum height of 0.8 m;
 - f) must not obstruct visibility.

Public Sidewalks

2.
 - a) A Road Right-of-Way Usage Permit issued through the By-law Services Department is required for all sandwich board signs located on public sidewalks.

- b) Where sandwich board signs are permitted on public sidewalks in the CBD and C-1T zones (outlined in Schedule "C" attached to this by-law), such signs shall be located not less than 0.5 m nor greater than 1.5 m from the curb to ensure that pedestrian traffic is not impeded. A sign permit is not applicable for sandwich board signs located on public sidewalks.
- c) Sandwich board signs shall not be permitted adjacent to pedestrian crosswalks or where a business operates an outdoor seating area located on public property.

511 UNDER CANOPY (OR MARQUEE) SIGNS

Sign Area

1. The maximum sign area shall be 0.6 m².

Vertical Dimension

2. The vertical dimension of an under canopy sign shall not exceed 0.4 m.

Clearance

3. The minimum vertical clearance of an under canopy sign from the nearest finished grade shall be 2.5 m.

Location

4. Under canopy signs shall not be allowed over vehicle circulation areas.
5. Under canopy signs shall be located entirely under the canopy apron, but shall not project closer than 0.6 m to the curb line measured horizontally.
6. Under canopy signs shall be located on the premises to which the sign refers.

DIVISION SIX - SPECIAL PURPOSE SIGNS

- 600 The following Special Purpose Signs shall be permitted in the City, and a permit as required in Division Four of this by-law shall not be required for any such sign. Any Special Purpose Sign is, however, required to conform to all other regulations of this by-law as may be applicable.

Banners for Special Events

Banners that announce special events may be permitted within the 300 block Victoria Street Mall and the 700 block Tranquille Road at the absolute discretion of the City, provided that:

- a) the display design and construction meets standards established by the Public Services and Operations Branch; and
- b) the installation and removal of displays shall be carried out by, or with the approval of, the Public Services and Operations Branch.

Construction Signs

Temporary Signs relating to a specific construction project shall be limited to one sign per construction site. The maximum sign area is 6.0 m². No sign shall be erected prior to issuance of a building permit and shall be removed upon the issuance of the occupancy permit.

Directional Signs

Signs for the purpose of directing automobile and pedestrian traffic on site shall be located only on the premises to which they refer and shall not exceed 1.0 m² in area. A maximum of one directional sign per entrance/exit, e.g. "entrance", "parking", "exit".

Farm Produce Signs

Temporary non-illuminated signs in season, for the purpose of permitting property owners to advertise for sale orchard or garden produce grown on the premises in question. Such signs are limited to one sign per property, shall be no greater than 1.0 m², and shall be located on the property to which they refer. Such signs shall be removed when the season ends or they are no longer required, whichever shall first occur.

Home Occupation Signs

Home occupation signs are permitted only for businesses in residences holding a valid home occupation business licence. Such signs shall be attached flat against the building, shall be non-illuminated, and shall not exceed 0.28 m² in area.

Political Signs

Signs erected in conjunction with Federal, Provincial or Municipal Elections and/or referenda are permitted in accordance with the appropriate legislation provided such signs are removed not more than seven (7) days after the election date. Such signs are not permitted in parks or on medians.

Real Estate Signs

Temporary signs promoting the sale or lease of real estate shall be limited in area to:

Residential zones	0.9 m ²
Commercial and industrial zones	3.0 m ²

Not more than one sign per street frontage is permitted, and the sign must be located on the lot or premises to which it refers. Off-site real estate signs are not permitted.

Warning or Hazard Signs

This type of sign refers to signs generally installed by the City of Kamloops, Ministry of Transportation and Highways or other enforcement agencies giving notice of a hazard or of prohibition and penalties respecting a particular structure or area.

Window Signs

Where signage is placed in or painted on the windows of commercial premises not more than one-third of the individual window area may be used for such displays.

- 601 All temporary Special Purpose Signs shall be posted only during the period for which their use is required, and shall be removed by the owner within seven days of the completion of their function.
- 602 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 600 and Division Seven of this by-law, special purpose signs in the form of balloons, other gas filled devices and banners shall be permitted only for the purpose of advertising a special event or to identify a new business, subject to:
- a) a temporary permit being granted for display of the sign for the event(s);
 - b) the sign being removed from the premises no later than five (5) days after its installation;
 - c) a maximum of four (4) temporary permits shall be issued for each premise per year;
 - d) signs must not project over public property; and
 - e) temporary permits for balloon signs shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Insurance for a minimum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) naming the City as an additional insured party.

DIVISION SEVEN - PROHIBITED SIGNS

- 700 The following sign types are prohibited:

Advertising Signs on Parked Vehicles - No person shall park any vehicle or trailer on public or private property so as to be visible from a public right of way, which has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of advertising products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same or any other property. This section shall not be interpreted to prohibit signage on public transit buses, lettering or logos painted or fastened by adhesives to commercial vehicles identifying the business or owner, taxi signs or temporary "Open House" display signs on real estate sales vehicles.

Animated Signs

Balloon Signs or other gas filled devices which are tied down or otherwise anchored to a specific location, except as permitted in Division Six.

Banners, Pennants, Ribbons, Streamers, Spinners, or other similar moving, fluttering devices, except as permitted in Division Six.

Off-Premise Signs - This shall not be interpreted to prohibit signage on public transit buses, lettering or logos on commercial vehicles, bus benches, or signage as permitted in Division Six hereto or billboards as permitted in the sign zone schedules attached to this by-law.

Portable or Wheeled Changeable Copy Signs - This shall not be interpreted to prohibit sandwich board signs which are permitted subject to the terms of Division Five hereto.

Rooftop Blade Style Signs

(11-79) Sandwich Board Signs on those lots directly abutting Notre Dame Drive.

Satellite Dishes - Where they are used for the purpose of roof signs.

Searchlights, Strobe Lights and similar special effects.

Signs on Public Right of Way - Except those erected by Government Agencies for traffic control or the direction of the public.

Signs which bear or contain statements, words or pictures of an obscene, pornographic or immoral character or which contain advertising matter which is untruthful.

Swinging Signs

DIVISION EIGHT - REMOVAL OF SIGNS

- 800 In the case of any sign erected in contravention of this by-law or which, by reason of location, construction or deterioration, constitutes a safety hazard or nuisance in the opinion of the Development Services Department Inspector, the Development Services Department Inspector may immediately remove the sign or may by written order require such sign to be removed by the owner within a specified time limit.
- 801 When a sign remains in place after the activity, business, product or service the sign advertises is no longer conducted or available on the premises on which the sign is located, such sign is considered to have been abandoned, and the owner of the premises in question shall then remove the sign within thirty (30) days from the date written notice by the Development Services Department Inspector to do so has been received. This section shall be deemed to include abandoned sign structures and supports for billboard signs that remain unused for a continuous period of 90 days.

- 802 Should the property owner fail to comply with a removal order under Sections 800 or 801, the Development Services Department Inspector is hereby empowered to remove and impound the sign. The sign shall not be released until the City has been reimbursed for all expenses incurred in its removal.
- 803 Any and all expenses incurred by the City in the removal of any sign under Section 802 shall be payable forthwith by the owner of the said lands and premises upon which the sign was located, and failure to so pay forthwith shall render the said property to be liable for the payment thereof and such expenses shall be added to and become a part of the unpaid taxes at the end of any calendar year in which the said expenses remain unpaid.
- 804 The City shall not be responsible for any damage incurred to any sign, or to any building or property from which such sign is required to be removed under the terms of this by-law as a result of the removal of such sign.
- 805 An owner of the property or the sign seeking to reclaim a sign removed by the Development Services Department Inspector under Section 802 must submit a request in writing within thirty (30) days from the date such sign is removed. The owner, before reclaiming such sign, shall have paid all costs set out in Section 803. If the sign is not reclaimed after thirty (30) days, the Development Services Department Inspector upon ten (10) days notice in writing may order such sign destroyed or disposed of in any way he deems appropriate.

DIVISION NINE - ENFORCEMENT

- 900 Every person violating any provision of this by-law is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offence. A separate offence shall be deemed to be committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues provided, however, where more than one registered owner of land is charged with a single offence hereunder, they shall be considered as one person.

Date of Adoption of By-laws

By-law No. 11-77 Adopted 2001 November 6
By-law No. 11-79 Adopted 2003 June 24

RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND RESERVE ZONES

SIGN REGULATIONS

A-1	Agricultural
CR-1	Country Residential-1
CR-2	Country Residential-2
CR-3	Country Residential-3
FD	Future Development
RS-1	Single Family Residential-1
RS-1S	Single Family Residential - Suite
RS-2	Single Family Residential-2
RS-2A	Single Family Residential - 2A
RS-3	Single Family Residential-3
RS-4	Single Family Residential-4
RS-5	Single Family Residential-5
RT-1	Two Family Residential-1
RT-2	Two Family Residential-2
RT-3	Two Family Residential-3
RC-1	Comprehensive Residential
RM-1	Multiple Family Low Density Residential
RM-2	Multiple Family Medium Density Residential
RM-2A	Downtown Multiple Family Medium Density Residential
RM-3	Downtown Multiple Family High Density Residential
MHP	Mobile Home Park
MHS	Mobile Home Subdivision
MHS-1	Mobile Home Subdivision-1

A1 PERMITTED SIGNS

A1.1 Special Purpose Signs shall be allowed with no permit being required subject to Division Six of the Sign By-law. In addition, home-based businesses shall be permitted one unilluminated fascia sign to a maximum size of 0.28 m² subject to Division Six.

A1.2 The following signs shall be allowed and shall require a permit:

a) Monument style free-standing signs for the purpose of identifying multiple family complexes, commercial conversions and similar developments subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

- (i) Maximum height 2.0 m;
- (ii) Maximum area 3.0 m²;
- (iii) Signs permitted under this subsection must be designed and located to complement existing landscaped areas, or additional landscaping provided and maintained around the base of the sign.

PUBLIC USE ZONES

SIGN REGULATIONS

OS	Open Space
P-1	Parks and Recreation
P-2	Churches
P-3	Schools
P-4	Public and Quasi-Public Use
P-5	Private Recreational
P-7	Funeral Homes

B1 PERMITTED SIGNS

- B1.1 Special Purpose Signs shall be allowed with no permit being required subject to Division Six of the Sign By-law. In addition, one identification or bulletin board not exceeding 2.0 m² and a height of 2.0 m for religious, institutional and civic organizations (i.e. churches, schools, community centres, parks and other public use facilities) subject to compliance with setback requirements for structures as set out in the City Zoning By-law as amended from time to time, with the exception that such sign may be located in a required front yard.
- B1.2 Signs in accordance with Division Five of the Sign By-law shall be allowed and shall require a permit, except that the following restrictions shall apply:
- a) Projecting Signs shall not exceed:
 - i) Maximum area shall be 0.35 m² per lineal metre of building frontage to a maximum of 4.0 m².
 - b) Free-standing signs shall not exceed:
 - i) Maximum height 3.0 m;
 - ii) Maximum area 4.0 m².

COMMERCIAL ZONES

SIGN REGULATIONS

CBD	Central Business District
C-1T	Tranquille Road Commercial
C-1	General Commercial
C-2	Local Commercial
C-3	Highway Commercial
C-3T	Travel Centre Commercial
C-4	Service Commercial
C-5	Shopping Centre Commercial
C-6	Arterial Commercial
C-7	Neighbourhood Commercial
C-8	Neighbourhood Pub Commercial

C1 PERMITTED SIGNS

- C1.1 Special Purpose Signs shall be allowed with no permit being required subject to Division Six of the Sign By-law.
- C1.2 Signs in accordance with Division Five of the Sign By-law shall be allowed and shall require a permit except that the following restrictions shall apply:

1. CBD Central Business District
C-1T Tranquille Road Commercial

Free-standing signs shall be allowed only on parcels with a frontage exceeding 15 m subject to the following conditions:

- a) Permitted signs shall be restricted in height and area in accordance with the following table:

Lot Frontage (measured on the frontage where sign is placed)	Maximum Sign Height	Maximum Sign Area
15.1 m to 45 m	4 m	3 m ²
45.1 m to 60 m	4 m	4 m ²
Greater than 60 m	4 m	5 m ²

2. C-2 Local Commercial
 - a) The maximum sign area for fascia signs shall be 0.6 m² per 1.0 m of wall length.
 - b) Free-standing signs shall not exceed:
 - i) a height of 3.0 m, and
 - ii) a sign area of 4.0 m.
 - c) Landscaping shall be provided and maintained around the base to complement each free-standing sign in the amount of not less than the area of the sign.
3. C-1 General Commercial
 C-4 Service Commercial (lots that do not have frontage on provincial highway corridors)
 C-6 Arterial Commercial
 C-8 Neighbourhood Pub Commercial

Free-standing signs shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a) Permitted signs shall be restricted in height and area in accordance with the following table:

Lot Frontage (measured on the frontage where sign is placed)	Maximum Sign Height	Maximum Sign Area
18 m or less	2 m	3 m ²
18.1 m to 45 m	4 m	4 m ²
45.1 m to 60 m	4.75 m	4.75 m ²
60.1 m to 75 m	5.5 m	5.5 m ²
75.1 m or more	6 m	6 m ²

- b) Landscaping shall be provided at or adjacent to the sign base to compliment the sign. The area of landscaping shall be equivalent to the area of the sign.

4. Sandwich Board signs shall be allowed in all zones in Schedule "C" except that in the following zones, such signs shall be permitted on public property in accordance with the requirements of Division Five of the Sign By-law:

CBD Central Business District
C-1T Tranquille Road Commercial

5. C-3 Highway Commercial
C-4 Service Commercial (lots with frontage on provincial highway corridors)
C-5 Shopping Centre Commercial

Free-standing signs shall not exceed a maximum height of 12.0 m.

6. C-7 Neighbourhood Commercial

- a) Free-standing Signs

The following conditions shall apply:

- i) maximum height 6.0 m; and

ii) signs may identify the shopping centre commercial name only or, where practicable, shall have the option of listing the individual businesses. However, individual businesses within the complex will not be permitted a separate free-standing sign.

7. Billboard signs shall not be permitted in the following zones in Schedule "C":

C-2 Local Commercial
C-5 Shopping Centre Commercial
C-6 Arterial Commercial
C-7 Neighbourhood Commercial
C-8 Neighbourhood Pub Commercial

INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION ZONES
SIGN REGULATIONS

I-1	Light Industrial
I-1S	Industrial Park
I-2	General Industrial
I-3	Heavy Industrial
T-1	Railway
T-2	Airport

F1 PERMITTED SIGNS

- F1.1 Special Purpose Signs shall be allowed with no permit being required subject to Division Six of the Sign By-law.
- F1.2 Signs in accordance with Division Five of the Sign By-law shall be allowed and shall require a permit except that the following conditions apply for Free-standing Signs:

Maximum height - 12.0 m

PERMIT FEES

The amount of permit fees shall be in accordance with the following scale:

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| 1. | For the enlargement, conversion, alteration or relocation of a sign for which a permit has been issued | \$20.00 |
| 2. | For a temporary sign | 20.00 |
| 3. | For free-standing signs exceeding 2 m in height | 70.00 |
| 4. | For all other signs for which a permit is required: | 40.00 |
| 5. | Where any sign has been erected without a permit having previously been obtained, the fee for obtaining such permit shall be double the amount of the regular permit fee. | |