

DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTRY

BYLAW 501, 2004

CONSOLIDATED VERSION

Includes amendment as of June 2, 2009

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Amending Bylaw	Summary of Amendments	Adoption
714	Deleting and replacing Section 3.1. Deleting and replacing Section 3.2. Deleting and replacing Section 8.1-8.11.	June 2, 2009

DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTRY

BYLAW 501

A bylaw to regulate signs in the District of Lake Country.

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Lake Country deems it appropriate to regulate signs in the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Lake Country in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as the “District of Lake Country Signage Regulation Bylaw 501, 2004”.

2. DEFINITIONS IN THIS BYLAW:

District means the District of Lake Country.

Sign means an identification, description, illustration, or device visible from a public place which is intended to direct attention to a product, service, place, activity, person, institution, business, or solicitation and specifically, may be part of a wall, vehicle, or free standing device.

Sign Area means the area of the sign within a perimeter which forms the outside shape including any frame which forms an integral part of the display.

Sign, Awning/Canopy means a sign painted, stamped, perforated or stitched or otherwise applied on the awning or canopy.

Sign, Billboard means a freestanding sign that is larger than 8.0 sq. metres (86.1 square feet) in sign area.

Sign, Directional means a sign which indicates the direction to a place of business or other purpose.

Sign, Fascia means a sign fastened to or painted on the wall of a building.

Sign, Free Standing means a self-supporting sign permanently fixed to the ground and standing independent of any building or other structure.

Sign, Portable Changeable Copy means any readily transportable sign that can easily 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 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 a Fascia Sign that is attached to and projects horizontally from the wall or face of a building or hangs vertically from an awning or canopy.

Sign, Temporary means a sign which is placed for a specified period of time, announcing or advertising on event of limited duration.

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.

3. ADMINISTRATION

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3.1 Zones

The regulations contained in this bylaw apply to all Zones as defined and established in the District of Lake Country Zoning Bylaw currently in effect.

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3.2 Zoning Maps

The areas designated in each zone are pursuant to the District of Lake Country Zoning Bylaw and attached Schedules currently in effect.

3.3 Metric Measurement

Metric units are used for all measurements in this by-law. The approximate imperial equivalents are shown in brackets for convenience and do not form part of this Bylaw.

4. ENFORCEMENT

4.1 Bylaw Enforcement Officers

The Administrator, District Engineer, Approving Officer, Planner, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, and Building Inspector or the officer or employee of the District who may be appointed by Council for this purpose, are hereby deemed Bylaw Enforcement Officers authorized to administer and enforce this bylaw.

4.2 Right of Entry

Bylaw Enforcement Officers shall have the right of entry and may enter onto any land at all reasonable hours in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this bylaw have been carried out.

No person shall interfere with or obstruct the entry of any authorized District representative onto any land to which entry is made or attempted pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw.

4.3 Bylaw Enforcement Officers are hereby empowered to:

- 1) administer this bylaw which includes the issuance of sign permits where the proposed sign conforms to this bylaw and all other applicable bylaws of the District;
- 2) keep records of any application received, permits and orders issued, inspections made;
- 3) order the correction of any work which is being or has been improperly done under a permit, or is done in contravention of the terms and conditions of a permit or of this bylaw or any other bylaw of the District;
- 4) order the cessation of work that is proceeding in contravention of this bylaw or any permit issued pursuant to this bylaw;
- 5) revoke a permit where there is a violation of any term or condition of the permit or a contravention of this bylaw or any other bylaw of the District;
- 6) order the removal of a sign for which there is no valid and subsisting permit or which sign does not conform to this bylaw or any other bylaw of the District;
- 7) order the painting, repair, alteration or removal of any sign which has become dilapidated or is abandoned, or which constitutes, in the opinion of the District Engineer or the Building Inspector, a hazard to the public safety or property.

5. VIOLATION

Every person who:

- (a) violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw;
- (b) causes or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw;
- (c) neglects or omits to do anything required under this Bylaw;
- (d) fails to comply with an order, direction or notice given under this Bylaw; or
- (e) prevents or obstructs or attempts to prevent or obstruct the authorized entry of an officer onto property under Section 4.;

commits an offence under this Bylaw. Each day's continuance of an offence constitutes a new and separate offence.

Penalty

Every person who commits an offence under this Bylaw is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 plus the cost of prosecution.

Severability

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this bylaw for any reason is held to be invalid by the decision of a court of jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the bylaw.

Schedules

The following schedules are attached to and form part of this bylaw:

Schedule A - Sign Permit Application

6. GENERAL REGULATIONS**6.1 Signs**

No sign shall hereafter be erected, placed, altered or moved unless in conformity with this Bylaw.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, where the Municipality has established a development permit area, any condition with respect to the type, size, or placement of signs which is included in a development permit shall apply, in addition to the requirements set out in this Bylaw.

6.2 Signs on Public Property

No person, owner or tenant shall place a sign on or over any curb, sidewalk, post, pole, hydrant, boulevard median, bridge, tree or other surface located on public property or across any street or public thoroughfare, without a valid permit issued by the District Engineer.

Notwithstanding the above, temporary signs advertising special events for community causes and charitable fund raising campaigns may be placed within the public right of way only if specifically permitted, in writing, by the District Engineer. Such signs shall be placed so as not to obstruct, hinder or in any way interfere with the use by drivers of motor vehicles and pedestrians on abutting streets or walkways.

6.3 Application for Sign Permit

- 1) An applicant for a sign permit shall be the application form attached hereto as Schedule "A" and forming a part of this Bylaw, and shall pay a permit fee as set out in the District fee bylaw.
- 2) In addition to the information on the application form and any requirements of the District Building Bylaw, the applicant shall provide a sketch plan of the proposed sign including the text or other material to be included in the sign message.

6.4 Sign Permits

- 1) Where an application for a sign permit, and the proposed sign, complies with the requirements of this Bylaw and any other applicable bylaw and the permit fee has been paid, the municipality shall issue a sign permit in the form prescribed in Schedule "A".
- 2) A sign permit is void if construction of the sign is not completed within 6 months of the date on which the permit was issued.

6.5 Exemptions

Provided they meet all other requirements of this Bylaw, a permit is not required for the erection, construction, alteration, painting, maintaining, moving, or other establishment of the following signs:

- 1) signs painted on an awning;
- 2) signs displayed within a building or structure;
- 3) signs owned or leased by the municipality for its own purposes;
- 4) signs required to be posted and maintained by any municipal bylaw or federal or provincial statute or regulation;
- 5) signs relating to construction which are located on the land on which the construction is currently being carried on;
- 6) memorial plaques, cornerstones, historical tablets, and similar signs;
- 7) on-site directional signs, not exceeding 2 m² in area, intended to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and vehicles on the property on which such signs are located;
- 8) emblems or insignia of any nation, a province or territory of Canada, or of any political, civic, philanthropic, cultural, educational or religious organization;
- 9) house numbers and name plates not exceeding 0.3 m² in area for each dwelling unit;

- 10) temporary signs advertising garage sales or yard sales, provided such signs do not exceed 1m² in area, and are located on the premises on which the sale is to take place or is taking place;
- 11) temporary signs within public right-of-ways advertising open houses, garage sales or yard sales, provided such signs do not exceed 1m² in area and are placed in accordance with section 6(2);
- 12) 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;
- 13) prohibition signs not exceeding 0.2 m²;
- 14) placards, playbills, advertising signs, writings or pictures placed on municipal structures provided for this purpose;
- 15) temporary real estate signs advertising property for sale or lease having a maximum area of 3.0 m² and are located on the property that is for sale or lease; and
- 16) election signs.

7. PERMITTED SIGNS

7.1 Awning/Canopy Signs

An Awning or Canopy Sign is permitted only if it:

- a) does not extend higher than the first storey;
- b) does not extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of the awning or canopy;
- c) is located at least 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) above the ground, pavement or sidewalk below the sign;
- d) has a maximum height of 1.5 metres (4.9 feet);

7.2 Fascia Signs

A Fascia sign is permitted only if it:

- a) is located immediately below the roof line of the building;
- b) is located at least 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) above the ground, pavement or sidewalk below the sign;
- c) has a sign area no greater than 15% of the area of the wall the sign is attached to;
- d) has a maximum height of 1.25 metres (4.1 feet); and
- e) does not project more than 30 cm (11.8 inches) from the surface of the building.

7.3 Projecting/Hanging Signs

A Projecting/Hanging Sign is permitted only if it:

- a) is located at least 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) above the ground, pavement or sidewalk below the sign;
- b) is located no more than 5.0 metres (16.4 feet) above the ground, pavement or sidewalk below the sign;
- c) has a maximum sign area of 2.0 square metres (21.5 square feet);
- d) does not project above the roof line of the structure it is attached to;
- e) does not project more than 1.5 metres (4.9 feet) from the structure it is attached to;

7.4 Free Standing Signs

A Free Standing Sign is permitted only if it:

- a) has a maximum height of 8.0 metres (26.2 feet);
- b) has a maximum sign area of 8.0 square metres (86.1 square feet);
- c) has a minimum setback of 1.0 metre (3.3 feet) from all lot lines;

7.5 Portable Sandwich Board Signs

A Portable Sandwich Board Sign is permitted only if it:

- a) has a maximum sign area of 0.6 square metres (6.5 square feet) per side up to a maximum combined sign area of 1.2 square metres (12.9 square feet);
- b) does not interfere with pedestrian traffic;
- c) is placed at ground level;

7.6 Directional Signs

A Directional Sign is permitted only if it:

- a) has a maximum sign area of 1.5 square metres (16.1 square feet);
- b) has a maximum dimension of 1.5 metres (4.9 feet);

7.7 Other Signs

- a) Other signs include community event signs, construction signs, public road signs, neighbourhood watch signs, and temporary signs for, political or real estate signs. Other signs are permitted only if it has a maximum sign area of 1.0 m² (10.76 square feet)

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8. SIGNS PERMITTED IN EACH ZONE:

8.1 The following signs are permitted in the C1 Town Centre Commercial, C1lp Town Centre Commercial (Liquor Primary), and C2 Neighbourhood Commercial Zones:

- a) One (1) awning/canopy sign or fascia sign per business; and
- b) One (1) projecting/hanging sign per business; and
- c) One (1) portable sign per business; and
- d) One (1) awning/canopy or fascia sign per business, on the face or the rear of

the building;

- e) Two (2) directional signs per parcel; and
- f) One (1) freestanding sign per parcel.

8.2 The following signs are permitted in the C9 Tourist Commercial, C10 Service Commercial, C11 Highway Commercial Zones:

- a) Three (3) awning/canopy signs or three (3) fascia signs or any combination of the two to a maximum of three (3) signs per business; and
- b) One (1) free standing sign per business; and
- c) Two (2) directional signs per parcel.

8.3 The following signs are permitted in the I1 Light Industrial, I3 Heavy Industrial and I5 Soil Processing Zones:

- a) One (1) awning/canopy sign or fascia sign per business; and
- b) One (1) free standing sign per parcel.

8.4 The following signs are permitted in the RR Rural Residential, RU and RM Urban Housing Zones:

- a) Signs permitted in Section 10.2 Home Occupations, 10.4 Residential Home Occupation, 10.5 Country Residential Home Occupation, and 10.6 Rural Home Regulation contained in District of Lake Country Zoning Bylaw 561, 2007 as may be amended or replaced from time to time;
- b) There are no restrictions to signage for agricultural land use except as provided for in the following sections of this bylaw: 6.1 Signs, 6.2 Signs on Public Property, 9.0 Other Sign Requirements and 10.0 Prohibited Signs.

9. OTHER SIGN REQUIREMENTS:

All signs except for 'Other signs' shall be located on the parcel containing the use referred to in the sign.

10. PROHIBITED SIGNS:

The following signs are prohibited in all zones:
Animated signs, billboard signs, flashing signs, portable changeable copy sign, and roof signs.

READ A FIRST TIME this 21st day of September, 2004.

READ A SECOND TIME AS AMENDED this 5th day of October, 2004.
ADVERTISED on the 20th day of October, 2004 and the 27th day of October, 2004, and a Public Hearing held on the 2nd day of November, 2004.

READ A THIRD TIME this 30th day of November, 2004.

Certified correct at third reading.

“Dec. 1, 2004”
Dated at Lake Country, B. C.

“original signed by Wendy Caban”
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED by the Ministry of Transportation on the 13th day of January, 2005.

“original signed by L. Lochhead”

ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2005.

“original signed by Rolly Hein”
Mayor

“original signed by Wendy Caban”
Deputy Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the bylaw cited as the “District of Lake Country Signage Regulation Bylaw 501, 2004” as adopted by the Municipal Council on January 25, 2005.

Dated at Lake Country, B. C.

Deputy Clerk

Schedule 'A' to Signage Regulation Bylaw 501, 2004

APPLICATION
FOR A SIGN PERMIT
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1. Name of applicant: _____
Mailing address: _____
_____ Telephone: _____
2. Location of sign (street address of description): _____

3. Type of sign: Projecting Fascia Canopy
Free standing Portable Sandwich Board
4. Area of sign: _____ m²
5. Sign will project: _____ metres beyond the building face.
_____ metres beyond the property line.
6. Vertical clearance from bottom of sign to highway level will be _____ metres.
7. Height of free standing sign: _____ metres.

Date

Signature of Applicant

NOTE: A sketch plan of the proposed sign, including the text or other material to be included in the sign message, must be provided on Page 2 of this form.

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SKETCH PLAN OF PROPOSED SIGN

(include the text or other material to be included in the sign message)

(for municipal use only below this line)

SIGN PERMIT

This permit is issued on the basis of the information provided in the application and accompanying sketch plan, and on the condition that the proposed sign will comply with all requirements of the Signage Regulation Bylaw and any applicable requirement of the Building Bylaw.

Receipt of the \$20 permit fee is acknowledged.

Date Issued

District of Lake Country