

**BY-LAW NUMBER 212-94**

**A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter M.45 as amended, provides in, paragraphs 141 to 146 inclusive of Section 210, that Councils of local municipalities may pass by-laws for prohibiting or regulating signs and other advertising devices and the posting of notices on buildings or vacant lots within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS**

a) Adding the following paragraph as Section 2.9(a) to By-Law 203-92: Respecting the definition of Daylighting Triangle

2.9(a) **DAYLIGHTING TRIANGLE** - means the area of a corner lot which is formed by measuring from the projected point of intersection of the two street curbs abutting the front and exterior side lot lines a distance of:

- i) 15.0 metres in the case of local to local street. or
- ii) 25.0 metres in the case of local or collector to collector street. or
- iii) 30.0 metres in the case of local, collector or arterial to arterial street.

to two points, and the triangle area formed by the joining of those two points.

2. **SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATION OF THE BY-LAW**

a) Deleting Section 3.8 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety and substituting the following:

3.8 **FEES**

The following fees shall be paid to the City of Vaughan at the time of application for a sign permit:

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| (a) | All signs except Portable Signs | \$8.00 for each metre squared or part thereof plus \$30.00 for the application. |
| (b) | Portable Signs - Mobile         | \$50.00 for each 15 day occasion.   |

- (c) Portable Signs - "A"-Frames \$100.00 for 6 months
- (d) Renewal Permit \$30.00
- (e) Refunds Permit fees are not refundable  
except where permit is issued in  
error.

- b) Deleting Section 3.9 (f) of By-Law 203-92; Regarding the removal of portable signs without notice.

3. **SECTION 5 - PROHIBITED SIGNS**

- a) Deleting Section 5.6 of By-Law 203-92; Regarding the prohibition of signs painted on, attached to, or supported by a tree, stone, or other natural object, or utility pole, and replace it with the following:

Section 5.6: Signs painted on, attached to, or supported by a tree, stone, or other natural object or wooden utility pole.

- b) Deleting Section 5.12 of By-Law 203-92; Regarding the prohibition on the use of Portable Signs as a permitted sign type.

- c) Deleting Sections 3.5 and 3.6 of By-Law 203-92 in their entirety, and replacing them with the following:

3.5 **EXPIRATION OF PERMIT**

Except for portable signs, every permit issued by The City of Vaughan shall expire six (6) months from the date of issuance unless diligently acted upon and shall become null and void upon the removal of the sign.

3.6 **RENEWAL OF PERMIT**

Except for portable signs, where before the expiry date of a permit, an application is made to extend this permit for a further six (6) months, the City may renew the permit after payment of the prescribed application fee.

4. **SECTION 8 - SIGNS PERMITTED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS**

- a) Deleting Section 8.10 of By-Law 203-92 and adding the following paragraphs as Section 8.10 and Section 8.11:

SECTION 8.10 **PORTABLE SIGNS**

Notwithstanding the preceding, premises used for commercial or industrial purposes may

erect portable sign types in accordance with the following:

1) Mobile Signs

The following provisions shall apply to the use of mobile signs:

- a) a commercial or industrial premises shall be entitled to use one (1) mobile sign for a maximum of two (2) - fifteen (15) day occasions per year. Such occasions may run consecutively, or may be taken at different times throughout the year.
- b) a maximum of one (1) mobile sign shall be permitted to be located on a lot at any one time.

Notwithstanding the above,

- i) One (1) additional mobile sign may be erected for a lot having a street frontage greater than 125 metres.
  - ii) Where a lot abuts two or more streets, an additional mobile sign may be erected on each street frontage provided that said street frontage has a minimum frontage of 15.0 metres.
  - iii) Subject to above i) and ii), no more than three (3) mobile signs shall be permitted to be located on a lot at any one time.
- c) a mobile sign shall be permitted to remain on the lot for a maximum of 180 days per year.
  - d) Every mobile sign shall:
    - i) have a maximum sign area of 5.0 sq.m. per sign face with a total sign area of 10.0 sq.m.
    - ii) have a maximum sign height of 2.5 metres
    - iii) be located entirely on private property
    - iv) not be located in a parking space or driveway.
    - v) be located a minimum of 3.0 metres from a driveway
    - vi) not be located within a daylighting triangle as defined in Section 2.
    - vii) be located a minimum of 5.0 metres from any other sign.
    - viii) if illuminated, comply with Ontario Hydro, and CSA Standards, as required.
    - ix) not be located within the Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C" to this by-law.
  - e) Notwithstanding Sub-section (c), where a lot is entitled to have more than one mobile sign in accordance with the provisions of this by-law, in lieu of placing an additional sign on the lot, one mobile sign may remain on the lot in the same location all year.

f) For the purposes of this Section, year shall mean the calendar year commencing on January 1, and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

2) "A" - Frame Signs

The following provisions shall apply to the use of "A"-Frame signs:

- a) a commercial or industrial premises shall be entitled to use one (1) "A"-Frame sign per business premises.
- b) Every "A"-Frame sign shall:
  - i) have a maximum sign area of 0.5 sq.m. with a total sign area of 1.0 sq.m.
  - ii) be located on private property
  - iii) not be located as to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
  - iv) be taken in after business hours.
  - v) have a maximum sign height of 1.0 metres above grade.

SECTION 8.11 Those signs permitted in Section 4 - Signs Permitted For All Use Categories are also permitted.

5. **SECTION 16 - MATERIALS AND STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Deleting Section 16.2 of By-Law 203-92 respecting structural requirements for signs and replace it with the following:

All signs shall be designed and installed, such as to resist safely and effectively all loads that may be exerted upon them and in any case shall comply with structural requirements of the Ontario Building Code.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 4th day of July, 1994.

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L. D. Jackson, Mayor

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J. D. Leach, City Clerk

**BY-LAW NUMBER 9-96**

**A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92, as amended.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M. 45 provides in paragraphs 146 and 147 inclusive of Section 210, that Councils of local municipalities may pass by-laws for prohibiting or regulating signs and other advertising devices and the posting of notices on buildings or vacant lots within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS**

Deleting Subsection 2.3 of By-Law 203-92 and replacing it with the following:

2.3 BILLBOARDS - see POSTER PANELS

Adding the following as Subsection 17 (a) to By-Law 203-92:

2.17(a) POSTER PANEL - means a standardized sign structure erected and maintained by a business engaged in the sale or rental of space upon which advertizing copy is displayed advertizing goods or services that are not necessarily conducted within or upon the lot upon which the sign is located.

**SECTION 5 - PROHIBITED SIGNS**

Deleting Subsection 5.15 of By-Law 203-92 and replacing it with the following:

5.15 Signs not related to any business located on the lot except as provided in Sections 6.1 - Limit on number of Signs and Section 15 - Poster Panels (Billboards).

## **SECTION 6.1 - LIMIT ON NUMBER OF SIGNS**

Adding the following to the end of Section 6.1 of By-Law 203-92:

- iii) Notwithstanding the above, for industrial and commercial properties, in lieu of the erection of one additional ground sign on the lot, one (1) ground sign containing third party advertising may be erected on the lot in accordance with the following requirements.

These signs shall:

- a) be setback a minimum of 1.0 metre from all street lines.
- b) have a maximum sign area of 4 sq.m. for any single sign face with a total sign area of 16 sq. m. for all sign faces combined.
- c) have a maximum height of 4.5 metres from the finished grade at the base of the supporting structure.
- d) be setback a minimum of 1.5 metre from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot.
- e) be setback a minimum of 7.5 metres from any other sign.
- f) not be located within a Special Sign District as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C" to By-Law 203-92.

## **SECTION 15 - POSTER PANELS (BILLBOARDS)**

Adding the following as Section 15 to By-Law 203-92:

### **Section 15 - POSTER PANELS (BILLBOARDS)**

#### **15.1 Vacant Commercial, and Industrial Zoned Lands**

Notwithstanding Section 6 (General Provisions for all signs), and Section 8 (Signs permitted for Commercial and Industrial Buildings), One (1) Poster Panel may be permitted on vacant lot zoned Commercial, Industrial or Agricultural in accordance with the following requirements.

Poster Panels shall:

- a) be setback a minimum of 5.0 metres from all street lines.
- b) not exceed a maximum sign area of 20.0 sq.m. for any single sign face with a total sign area of 40 sq.m. for all sign faces combined.
- c) not exceed 8.0 metres in height measured from the finished grade level at the base of the supporting structure.

- d) be setback a minimum of 5.0 metres from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot.
- e) not be located closer than 1.0 metre to any driveway.
- f) be setback a minimum of 300 metres from any other poster panel located on the same side of the street.
- g) not be permitted within 100 metres from a residential building or lands zoned residential.
- h) not be located within, and be setback 100 metres from, Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C" to By-Law 203-92.

#### 15.2 Vacant Agricultural Zoned Lands

Notwithstanding Section 6 (General Provisions for all signs), and Section 10 (Signs permitted for Agricultural and Recreational Buildings), One (1) Poster Panel may be permitted on vacant lot zoned Agricultural in accordance with the following requirements.

Poster Panels shall:

- a) be setback a minimum of 5.0 metres from all street lines.
- b) not exceed a maximum sign area of 20.0 sq.m. for any single sign face with a total sign area of 40 sq.m. for all sign faces combined.
- c) not exceed 8.0 metres in height measured from the finished grade level at the base of the supporting structure.
- d) be setback a minimum of 5.0 metres from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot.
- e) not be located closer than 1.0 metre to any driveway.
- f) be setback a minimum of 600 metres from any other poster panel located on the same side of the street.
- g) not be permitted within 100 metres from a residential building or lands zoned residential.
- h) not be located within, and be setback 100 metres from, Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C" to By-Law 203-92.

#### 15.3 Utility Lands, Railway and Hydro Corridors

Notwithstanding any other section of this by-law, poster panels may be permitted on Utility Lands, Railway and Hydro Corridors in accordance with the following requirements.

Poster Panels shall:

- a) be setback a minimum of 5.0 metres from all street lines.
- b) not exceed a maximum sign area of 20.0 sq.m. for any single sign face with a total sign area of 40 sq.m. for all sign faces combined
- c) not exceed 8.0 metres in height measured from the finished grade level at the base of the supporting structure.
- d) be setback a minimum of 300 metres from any other poster panel located on the same side of the street and further provided that the minimum setback does not apply to such poster panels located on the opposite sides of grade separated railway crossings.
- f) not be permitted within 100 metres from a residential building or lands zoned residential.
- g) not be located within, and be setback 100 metres from, Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C" to By-Law 203-92.

**SECTIONS 15 - MAINTENANCE AND SECTION 16 MATERIALS AND STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Renumbering existing Section 15 - "Maintenance", to Section 16 - "Maintenance" and, renumbering existing Section 16 - "Materials and Structural Requirements", to Section 17 - "Materials and Structural Requirements".

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 15th day of January, 1996.

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L.D. Jackson, Mayor

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J.D. Leach, City Clerk

**BY-LAW NUMBER 168-96**

**A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter M.45 as amended, provides in, paragraphs 141 to 146 inclusive of Section 210, that Councils of local municipalities may pass by-laws for prohibiting or regulating signs and other advertising devices and the posting of notices on buildings or vacant lots within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1. SECTION 15 - POSTER PANELS (Billboards)**

(a) Deleting Section 15 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety, and substituting the following:

15.1 Vacant Commercial and Industrial Zoned Lands and Utility Corridors

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6 (General Provisions for all Signs) and Section 8 (Signs for Commercial and Industrial Buildings) one (1) Poster Panel may be permitted on a vacant lot zoned Commercial or Industrial and Utility Corridors in accordance with the following requirements:

Poster Panels shall:

- a) be located within the limits of the industrial area of Official Plan Amendment No. 450, as shown on Schedule "D" to By-Law 203-92.
- a) be setback a minimum of 5.0 metres from all street lines.
- b) not exceed a maximum sign area of 20.0 sq.m. for any single sign face with a total sign area of 40 sq.m. for all sign faces combined.
- c) not exceed 8.0 metres in height measured from the finished grade level at the base of the supporting structure.
- d) be setback a minimum of 5.0 metres from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot.
- e) not be located closer than 1.0 metre to any driveway.
- f) be setback a minimum of 300 metres from any other poster panel located on the same side of the street.
- g) not be permitted within 100 metres from a residential building or lands zoned residential.
- h) not be located within, and be setback 100 metres from, Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C" to By-law 203-92.

15.2 Notwithstanding the above requirements, a maximum of one hundred (100) Poster Panels shall be erected within the limits of the City of Vaughan.

2. The attached Schedule "1" shall be and hereby form part of By-Law 203-92 known as Schedule "D".

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 27th day of June, 1996.

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L.D. Jackson, Mayor

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J.D. Leach, City Clerk

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# BY-LAW

## BY-LAW NUMBER 19-97

### **A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter M.45 as amended, provides in paragraph 146 of Section 210, that Councils of local municipalities may pass by-laws for prohibiting or regulating signs and other advertising devices and the posting of notices on buildings or vacant lots within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### **1. SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS**

a) Adding the following as sub-section 2.1a to By-Law 203-92:

2.1a APPLICANT - means the owner, where such owner is an individual, or means any individual authorized in writing, by the owner to apply for a permit on the owner's behalf.

b) Deleting sub-section 2.2 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety, and substituting the following:

2.2 BANNER - means a sign composed of non-rigid material so as to allow movement which is caused by atmospheric conditions.

c) Adding the following as sub-section 2.15a to By-Law 203-92:

2.15a OWNER - means the registered owner of the land on which a permit is sought or obtained.

d) Adding the following as sub-section 2.15b to By-Law 203-92:

2.15b PERMIT HOLDER - means the owner as defined by this Bylaw, the person in possession of the property or premises, including the lessee, a mortgagee in possession or a person in charge of the property.

e) Deleting sub-section 2.22 of Bylaw 203-92 in it's entirety, and substituting the following:

2.22 SIGN, AWNING - means a wall sign supported entirely from the exterior wall of a building, not forming an integral part thereof, and composed of non-rigid materials except for supporting framework.

f) Adding the following as sub-section 2.23a to By-Law 203-92:

2.23a SIGN, DEVELOPMENT - means a real estate advertising sign that may include, in whole or in part, information promoting a development, or relating to or advertising the location, construction, sale or lease of a building or structure either proposed, or in the process of being constructed.

g) Adding the following as sub-section 2.24a to By-Law 203-92:

2.24a SIGN FACE - means that portion of the sign upon which, as part of, or through which a message is displayed or is capable of being displayed.

h) Deleting subsection 2.27 of Bylaw 203-92 in it's entirety, and substituting the following:

2.27 SIGN, INTERNAL - means a sign visible to persons only when they are located on the premises or within the building in which the sign is situated.

i) Adding the following as sub-section 2.32a to By-Law 203-92:

2.32a SIGN, SEQUENTIAL - means two or more signs on an exterior wall used in series to convey a cohesive message related to the subject matter, each sign being dependant on the other.

j) Deleting subsection 2.35 of Bylaw 203-92 in it's entirety, and substituting the following:

2.35 SIGN, WALL - means a sign which is erected against the wall of any building, the

display area of which is parallel to the face of and supported by such wall and which does not project more than 0.5 m from such wall.

- k) Adding the following as sub-section 2.37a to By-law 203-92:

2.37a TEXT AREA - means the area of text, calculated as the smallest triangle, rectangle, square, circle, semicircle or other geometric form which can wholly enclose the advertising copy of the sign.

## 2. SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATION OF THE BY-LAW

- a) Deleting Section 3.1 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

### 3.1 PERMITS REQUIRED

Except for the signs referred to in Section 4, no person shall erect, display, repair or alter a sign, or permit the erection, display, repair or alteration of a sign unless a permit is obtained therefor.

- b) Deleting Section 3.2 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety and substituting the following:

### 3.2 RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

No person shall make application for a sign permit who is not the owner, or authorized in writing by the owner of the property on which the work is to be performed. No person shall submit false or misleading information or documents or make omissions that may mislead in connection with any application for a sign permit, detail of construction, or revision thereto.

- c) Adding the following as sub-section 3.3(e) to By-Law 203-92:

(e) where an application remains incomplete or inactive for six months after it is made, the application is deemed to have been abandoned and may be cancelled without notice.

- d) Deleting Section 3.4 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

### 3.4 CONFORMITY WITH THE BY-LAW AND THE APPROVED PLANS

In addition to the owner, it shall be the responsibility of the permit holder to comply with this by-law and the plans and specifications, on the basis of which the permit was issued.

e) Adding the following as sub-section 3.7(e) to By-Law 203-92:

(e) where construction or installation of the sign has not, in the opinion of the Director of Building Standards, been seriously commenced within six (6) months of the date of permit issuance.

f) Deleting subsection 3.8(a) to 3.8(e) of By-Law 203-92, and substituting the following:

- a) All signs except Portable Signs and Poster Panels \$ 5 0 . 0 0 f o r t h e application plus \$10.00 per sq.m., or part thereof, of the sign area of each sign face.
- b) Portable Signs - Mobile \$50.00 per each 15 day occasion.
- c) Portable Signs - "A" Frames \$100.00 for 6 months
- d) Poster Panels \$ 5 0 . 0 0 f o r t h e application plus \$20.00 per sq.m., or part thereof, of the sign area of each sign face.
- e) Renewal Permit \$50.00
- f) Refunds Permit fees are not refundable except where the permit was issued in error.

g) Deleting subsection 3.9(d) of By-Law 203-92, and substituting the following:

(d) Signs so removed shall be stored by the municipality for a period of time of not more than thirty (30) days, during which time in addition to the owner, the permit

holder may be entitled to redeem such sign upon receipt by the Treasurer of the amount calculated by the City of Vaughan as the cost of removing and storing the sign.

3. **SECTION 6 - GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL SIGNS**

a) Adding the following as section 6.1(f) to By-Law 203-92:

(f) awning sign

b) Renumbering existing sub-sections 6.1 (i) and (ii), to 6.1 (ii) and (iii) respectively and adding the following as sub-section 6.1 (i) to By-Law 203-92:

(i) sequential wall, canopy, soffit and awning signs are deemed to be one (1) sign.

c) Adding the following as sub-section 6.5(h) to By-Law 203-92: respectively

(h) not less than 2.44 m clearance shall be provided to the underside of any part of a ground sign located above a walkway.

d) Adding the following as sub-section 6.13 to By-Law 203-92:

6.13 **AWNING SIGNS**

The following regulations shall apply to all awning signs:

(a) No awning sign shall extend above the top of the roof surface.

(b) No awning sign, or any part thereof, shall project more than 0.5 m from the wall upon which it is mounted.

(c) No portion of any sign shall be less than 2.44 m above the finished floor level immediately below such sign.

(d) No awning sign shall extend beyond the extremities of the wall to which it is attached.

(e) No awning sign shall extend around the corners of the wall upon which it is mounted, except that when a premises is located at the corner of a building, an awning sign may extend around the corner on which it is mounted. Signs extending around the corner lawfully erected under this section shall be deemed to be two (2) signs for the purpose of calculating the permitted number of signs and permitted sign area.

- (f) Awning signs shall only be located at the storey having direct access to a street.

4. **SECTION 7 - SIGNS PERMITTED FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

- a) Deleting the preamble to Section 7 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

Subject to the requirements in Section 6 - General Provisions For All Signs, no person shall erect, display, or maintain or allow the erection, display or maintenance of any sign on a lot or building used for residential purposes, except in accordance with the following:

5. **SECTION 8 - SIGNS PERMITTED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS**

- a) Deleting the preamble to Section 8 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

Subject to the requirements in Section 6 - General Provisions For All Signs, and Section 11 - Special Sign District, no person shall erect, display, or maintain or allow the erection, display or maintenance of any sign on a lot or building used for commercial or industrial purposes, except in accordance with the following:

- b) Adding the following as sub-section 8.4 to By-Law 203-92:

8.4 **AWNING SIGNS**

Awning Signs may be installed in accordance with the provisions for Walls Signs or in accordance with the following:

- a) The area of an awning sign shall not exceed 1.0 sq.m. per linear horizontal metre of the exterior wall of a building upon which such sign is located.
- b) The text area on an awning sign shall not exceed 0.5 sq.m. per linear horizontal metre of the exterior wall of a building upon which such awning is located. In multiple occupancy buildings or shopping centres, the sign area for each business premises shall be proportional to the length of the exterior wall forming part of the premises. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total text area on an awning sign per business premises shall not exceed 20.0 sq.m. or be limited to less than 2.0 sq.m..

- c) Renumbering the existing subsections 8.4 to 8.11 to subsections 8.5 to 8.12. respectively.

**6. SECTION 9 - SIGNS PERMITTED FOR INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS**

- a) Deleting the preamble to Section 9 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

Subject to the requirements in Section 6 - General Provisions For All Signs, and Section 11 - Special Sign District, no person shall erect, display, or maintain or allow the erection, display or maintenance of any sign on a lot or building used for institutional purposes, except in accordance with the following:

**7. SECTION 10 - AGRICULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL BUILDINGS**

- a) Deleting the preamble to Section 10 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

Subject to the requirements in Section 6 - General Provisions For All Signs, and Section 11- Special Sign District, no person shall erect, display, or maintain or allow the erection, display or maintenance of any sign on a lot or building used for agricultural and recreational purposes, except in accordance with the following:

**8. SECTION 12 - DEVELOPMENT SIGNS**

- a) Deleting the preamble to Section 12 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

Subject to the requirements in Section 6 - General Provisions For All Signs, no person shall erect, display, or maintain or allow the erection, display or maintenance of any development sign, except in accordance with the following:

- b) Deleting subsection 12.1 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

12.1 Development Signs

- (1) On-site Signs

- (a) Subdivision development signs must be located on lands within the plan of subdivision. For all other developments, the signs must be located on the subject lands.
- (b) Such signs may advertise only the development on the lands in which the sign is located, and not the sale of lots elsewhere or the Realtor's, Developer's, or Landowners business in general.
- (c) Each builder is permitted a maximum of two (2) signs, with a combined sign face area not to exceed 20.0 sq.m..
- (d) Illumination of such signs shall only be from an external source.
- (e) No other signs shall be permitted within the subdivision or on the premises.

**9. SECTION 15 - POSTER PANELS (Billboards)**

- a) Deleting Section 15 Poster Panels (Billboards) of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety, and replacing it with the following:

**15.1 Vacant Industrial and Commercial Zoned Lands and Utility Corridors**

Notwithstanding Section 6 (General Provisions for all signs), and Section 8 (Signs permitted for Industrial and Commercial Buildings), One (1) Poster Panel may be permitted on vacant lot zoned Industrial or Commercial, or within a Utility Corridors in accordance with the following requirements.

Poster Panels erected in accordance with this sub-section shall:

- a) be located within the limits of the industrial area of Official Plan Amendment No. 450, as shown on Schedule "D".
- b) be set back a minimum of 5.0 metres from all street lines.
- c) not exceed a maximum sign area of 20.0 sq.m. for any single sign face with a total sign area of 40 sq.m. for all sign faces combined.
- d) not exceed 8.0 metres in height measured from the finished grade level at the base of the supporting structure.
- e) be set back a minimum of 5.0 metres from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot.
- f) not be located closer than 1.0 metre to any driveway.
- g) be set back a minimum of 600 metres from any other poster panel located on the same side of the street.

- h) not be permitted within 100 metres from a building containing residential dwelling units or lands zoned residential.
- i) not be located within, and be setback 100 metres from, Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C".

## 15.2 Developed Industrial and Commercial Zoned Lands

Notwithstanding Section 6 (General Provisions for all signs), and Section 8 (Signs permitted for Industrial and Commercial Buildings), One (1) Poster Panel may be permitted on a developed lot zoned Industrial or Commercial, in accordance with the following requirements:

Poster Panels erected in accordance with this sub-section shall:

- a) only be permitted on a lot in lieu of the additional ground sign permitted by Section 6.1 i) of this by-law.
- b) be located within the limits of the industrial area of Official Plan Amendment No. 450, as shown on Schedule "D".
- c) be set back a minimum of 1.0 metre from all street lines.
- d) not exceed a maximum sign area of 20.0 sq.m. for any single sign face with a total sign area of 40 sq.m. for all sign faces combined.
- e) not exceed 8.0 metres in height measured from the finished grade level at the base of the supporting structure.
- f) be set back a minimum of 5.0 metres from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot.
- g) not be located closer than 1.0 metre to any driveway.
- h) be set back a minimum of 600 metres from any other poster panel located on the same side of the street.
- i) not be permitted on a lot that abuts a residential zone and not be located within 100 metres from a building containing residential units or lands zoned residential.
- j) not be located within, and be setback 100 metres from, Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C".

15.3 Notwithstanding the above requirements, a maximum of one hundred (100) Poster Panels shall be located within the limits of the City of Vaughan

15.4 a) Notwithstanding sub-section 15.3, the maximum one hundred (100) signs referred to may be increased within the prescribed area by one (1) additional Poster Panel for every two (2) Poster Panels that are removed from outside the prescribed area. Those signs that are

removed as a result of a property being developed, shall not be included in the above calculations.

15.4 b) For purposes of this subsection a property shall be considered as being developed if application has been made for any of an official plan amendment, rezoning, site plan approval, plan of subdivision or building permit.

**10. SECTION 16 - MAINTENANCE**

a) Deleting Section 16 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety, and substituting the following:

**SECTION 16 - MAINTENANCE**

The owner of the lands and premises upon which any sign or advertising device is located and any permit holder for signs on such lands or premises, shall maintain, or cause such sign or advertising device to be maintained, in a proper state of repair, so that such sign or advertising device does not become unsafe, unsightly or dangerous. All signs shall be completely operative at all times.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 27th day of January, 1997.

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L.D. Jackson, Mayor

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J.D. Leach, City Clerk

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# BY-LAW

## BY-LAW NUMBER 110-97

### **A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter M.45 as amended, provides in, paragraph 146 of Section 210, that Councils of local municipalities may pass by-laws for prohibiting or regulating signs and other advertising devices and the posting of notices on buildings or vacant lots within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### **1. SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATION OF THE BY-LAW**

- a) Deleting Sub-Section 3.8(b) of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:
  - (b) Portable Signs - Mobile \$37.50 for each 15 day occasion.

#### **2. SECTION 8 - SIGNS PERMITTED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS**

- a) Deleting Sub-Section 8.11 1) of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety, and substituting the following:

##### 1) Mobile Signs

The following provisions shall apply to the use of mobile signs:

- a) mobile sign permits shall be issued in time increments of fifteen (15) days. (“occasions”)
- b) a commercial or industrial premises shall be entitled to permits for up to a maximum of eight (8) occasions per year. Each occasion requires a separate permit. These permits may be issued consecutively provided there are no other complete applications for other premises on the same lot.
- c) Notwithstanding paragraphs a) and b) above, out of the eight (8) permitted occasions per year, an industrial or commercial premises shall be entitled to one (1) permit in the year for up to a maximum four (4) consecutive occasions.
- d) a maximum of one (1) mobile sign permit shall be permitted to be located on a lot at any one time.

Notwithstanding the above,

- i) one (1) additional mobile sign may be erected on a lot having a street frontage greater than 125 metres.

- ii) where a lot abuts two or more streets, an additional mobile sign may be erected on each street frontage provided that the said street frontage is greater than 15 metres.
  - iii) one (1) additional mobile sign may be erected on a lot containing more than twenty (20) business premises.
  - iv) notwithstanding i), ii) and iii), no more than three (3) mobile signs shall be permitted on a lot at any one time.
- e) a mobile sign(s) permitted under this sub-section, shall be permitted to remain on the lot for a maximum of 180 days per year.
- f) Every mobile sign shall:
- i) have a sign area of either 3.7 sqm.(40 sq.ft.) with a total sign area of 7.4 sqm. (80 sq.ft) or 4.4 sqm. (48 sq.ft.) with a total sign area of 8.8 sqm. ( 96 sq.ft.).
  - ii) use standardized letter sizes consisting of 25.4 cm. (10 in.) or 45.7 cm. (18 in.) high letters.
  - iii) use a single letter colour on a white or black background.
  - iv) have a maximum sign height of 2.5 metres.
  - v) be located entirely on private property and not located within 5.0 metres from any other sign.
  - vi) not be located in a parking space or driveway.
  - vii) be located a minimum of 3.0 metres from a driveway.
  - viii) not be located within a daylighting triangle as defined in Section 2.
  - ix) not be located within 125 feet any other mobile sign located on the same lot and separated a minimum of 75 feet from a mobile sign located on an adjacent property.
  - x) comply with relevant Ontario Hydro, and CSA Standards.
  - xi) not be located within the Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B" and "C" to this by-law.
- g) no mobile sign shall be erected/displayed without first affixing thereto, a validation sticker issued by the City's Building Standards Department with the sign permit. The validation sticker shall be placed on the bottom right corner of one of the two sign faces.
- h) For the purposes of this Section, year shall mean the calendar year commencing on January 1, and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

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L. D. Jackson, Mayor

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J. D. Leach, City Clerk

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# *BY-LAW*

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 178-2003**

**A By-law to to regulate signs and other advertising devices on public properties and road allowances under the jurisdiction in the City of Vaughan.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides in Section 11 (2), that Councils of lower-tier municipalities may pass by-laws respecting matter pertaining to structures, including fences and signs.

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass this by-Law, applicable to the whole of the City;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1) SECTION 1.0 – TITLE**

This By-law shall be known as the “Public Property Sign By-Law”.

This By-Law shall apply to properties owned by or under the jurisdiction of the City of Vaughan.

**2) SECTION 2.0 – DEFINITIONS**

In this By-Law:

2.1 ALTER - means any change to the sign structure or sign face, with the exception of:

- (a) a change in the message being displayed;
- (b) repair and maintenance, including replacement by identical components as required by this by-law

2.2 BANNER - means a sign composed of lightweight material so as to allow movement which is caused by atmospheric conditions

2.3 BUILDING CODE - means the Ontario Building Code Act, as amended from time to time, and includes any regulations thereunder.

2.4 CITY - means the Corporation of the City of Vaughan.

2.5 COUNCIL - means the Council for the Corporation of the City of Vaughan.

2.6 DAYLIGHTING TRIANGLE - means the area of a corner lot which is formed by measuring from the projected point of intersection of the two street curbs abutting the front and exterior side lot lines a distance of:

- i) 15.0 metres in the case of local to local street. or
- ii) 25.0 metres in the case of local or collector to collector street. or
- iii) 30.0 metres in the case of local, collector or arterial to arterial street to two points, and the triangle area formed by the joining of those two points.

2.7 ERECT - means the placing or relocation of any sign or part thereof, and the posting of notices.

- 2.8 LOT - means a parcel of land fronting on a street separate from any abutting land to the extent that a consent contemplated by Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 would not be required for its conveyance. For the purposes of this paragraph, land defined in an application for a building permit shall be deemed to be a parcel of land and a reserve shall not form part of the street.
- 2.9 ORGANIZATION Charitable - means an incorporated association of persons that is charitable under the laws of Ontario or of Canada.
- 2.10 ORGANIZATION Community - means a group of persons organized for the advancement of activities of a civic cultural or recreational nature and which activities are not conducted for monetary profit.
- 2.11 ORGANIZATION Religious – means an incorporated association of persons that is:
- i) chartable under the laws of Ontario; and
  - ii) organized for the advancement of religion and for the conduct of religious worship, services or rites; and
  - iii) permanently established as to the continuity of it's existence.
- 2.12 OWNER – means the owner of the sign for whom a permit is sought or the person for whom the sign was installed.
- 2.13 PERMIT HOLDER – means the owner as defined in this by-law or the person in charge of the sign.
- 2.14 PERSON - means an individual, association, firm, partnership or incorporated company.
- 2.15 PUBLIC INFORMATION SIGN - means any of the following signs:
- (a) signs erected by or under the direction of a government agency.
  - (b) signs designating public hospitals, schools operated by the Region of York, York Region District School Board and the York Region Catholic District School Board, Vaughan Public Libraries, Vaughan Community Centres, Vaughan Public Arenas or other public government use.
- 2.16 PUBLIC PROPERTY – means property, including realty, or buildings, owned by the City or local board as defined in the Municipal Affairs Act, as amended, but does not include property owned by the Regional, Provincial, Federal government, a Crown Corporation, Hydro, Utility or Railway Company.
- 2.17 ROAD ALLOWANCE – means a street that is under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the City of Vaughan that is open and maintained by the City, and includes unopened and unimproved road allowances vested in the City by virtue of any statute and does not include Regional Roads or Provincial Highways.
- 2.18 SIGN - means any advertising device or notice and means any visual medium including its structure and other component parts, which is used or is capable of being used to attract attention to a specific subject matter, other than itself, for identification, information, or advertising purposes.

- 2.19 SIGN AREA - means the number of square metres on the surface of a sign including the border and/or frame, and where there is no border shall include all the area of the surface lying within the extremities of the smallest geometric form, which can wholly enclose the surface area of the sign.
- 2.20 SIGN, GROUND - means a sign directly supported by the ground without the aid of any other building or structure, other than the sign structure.
- 2.21 SIGN, PORTABLE - means any sign not securely anchored to the ground or to a building or which because of its design may be moved and shall include a sign located on a vehicle, other than a sign printed or painted on the side identifying ownership of a commercial vehicle, if such sign identifies, advertises or gives information in respect to a premises or a part thereof. For the purposes of this by-law, signs commonly known as Trailer or Mobile Signs, "A" Frame Signs,

3) **SECTION 3 – ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS ALL SIGNS**

This By-Law shall be administered by the Commissioner of Public Works and enforced by the By-Law Enforcement Division of the Legal Department.

3.1 PERMITS REQUIRED

Except for the signs referred to in Section 5 no person shall erect, display, repair or alter a sign, unless a sign permit is obtained.

3.2 RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

No person shall make application for a sign permit who is not an authorized agent of the permit holder who has control of and whom the sign is erected for. No person shall submit false or misleading information or documents or make omissions that may mislead in connection with any application for a sign permit, detail of construction, or revision thereto.

3.3 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

The applicant for a sign permit shall:

- (a) submit an application on a prescribed form furnished for that purpose;
- (b) submit plans describing the exact location in which the proposed sign is to be erected.
- (c) submit scale drawings and specifications of sufficient detail and quality as is necessary to ascertain whether or not the sign and its structure will be in compliance with this by-law and the Ontario Building Code and any applicable government regulation.
- (d) submit the approval of other authorities having jurisdiction.

3.4 CONFORMITY WITH THE BY-LAW AND THE APPROVED PLANS

It shall be the responsibility of the owner, permit holder, or authorized agent of the sign to comply with this by-law and the approved plans and specifications.

3.5 REVOCAION OF PERMIT

A permit may be revoked by the City under the following circumstances:

- (a) where the sign does not conform to this by-law;
- (b) where the sign does not conform to any regulation, law or requirements of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the area where the sign is situated;
- (c) where the permit has been issued as the result of false or misleading statements, or undertakings, in the application;
- (d) where the permit has been issued in error.

3.6 FEES

The following fees shall be paid to the City at the time of application for a sign permit:

- (a) All signs except (b) & (c) below: -\$50.00.
- (b) Religious/Charitable/Community Signs -(No Fees Required)
- (c) Builder Portable Signs - "A"-Frames -\$200.00 per sign for 6 months
- (d) Refunds -Permit fees are not refundable except where permit is issued in error.

3.7 REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL SIGNS

- (a) When a sign is erected or displayed in contravention of the provision of this by-law, such sign may be removed immediately without notice, if located on, over, partly on, or partly over, property owned by or under the jurisdiction of the City.
- (b) Signs so removed shall be stored by the municipality for a period of time of not more than thirty (30) days, during which time the owner or his agent may be entitled to redeem such sign upon receipt by the City of the amount set out in the City's Fee By-Law.
- (c) Where a sign has been removed by the municipality and stored for a period of thirty (30) days and has not been redeemed, such sign may be forthwith destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the City.

3.8 VALIDITY

In the event any part or provision of this by-law is held to be illegal or void, it shall be considered separate and servable from the remaining provisions of this by-law, which shall remain in force and be binding.

3.9 CONFLICT WITH OTHER BY-LAWS

Where there is a conflict or a contradiction between this by-law and any other by-law of the City of Vaughan, the provisions of this by-law shall prevail.

3.10 BUILDING CODE AND GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

Any sign, which is erected, shall comply with this By-Law, the Ontario Building Code and any other applicable government regulation. The more restrictive provisions of the requirements shall prevail

3.11 LIABILITY

The provisions of this By-Law shall not be construed as relieving or limiting the responsibility or liability of any person who erects or displays, or causes or permits or allows to be erected or displayed, any sign, for personal injury including injury resulting in death, or property damage resulting from such sign or from acts or omissions of such person, or his agents, servants, employees, contractors in construction, erection, maintenance, display, alteration, repair or removal of any sign erected in accordance with a permit which is issued hereunder. Likewise, provisions of this By-Law shall not be construed as imposing on the City, its officers, employees, servants, and agents any responsibility or liability whatsoever by reason of the approval of or issuance of a permit for any sign or removal of any sign.

3.12 INDEMNIFICATION

The applicant of a permit for a sign and the permit holder for which the sign is erected shall be jointly and severally responsible to indemnify the City, its officers, employees, servants and agents, from all losses, damages, costs, expenses, claims, demands, actions, suites, or other proceedings of every nature and kind arising from and in consequence of the construction, erection maintenance, display, alteration repair or removal of such sign.

3.13 PENALTIES Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, pursuant to the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act.

**SECTION 4 - PROHIBITED SIGNS**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law, no person shall erect, install, post, display, alter, maintain, or keep any of the following types of signs on public properties or within road allowances under the jurisdiction of the City of Vaughan:

- 4.1 Signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving illumination which varies in intensity or which varies in colour, and signs which have any visible moving parts, visible mechanical movement of any description, or other apparent movement achieved by electrical pulsations or by actions of normal wind current.
- 4.2 Signs which by reason of size, location, content, colouring, or manner of illumination obstruct the vision of drivers or pedestrians, or obstruct or detract from the visibility or effectiveness of any traffic sign or control device on public streets and roads or which are located in a daylighting triangle
- 4.3 Signs which make use of words such as "Stop", "Look", "One Way", "Danger", "Yield", or any similar words, phrases, symbols, lights, or characters in such manner as to tend to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic and which are not erected by a Public Authority.

- 4.4 Signs located so as to obstruct or impede any required fire escape, fire exit, walkway, passageway, door, window, skylight, flue or air intake or exhaust or so as to prevent or impede free access of fire fighters to any part of the building.
- 4.5 Signs on or over public property, public rights-of-way, or road allowances unless permitted by this by-law.
- 4.6 Signs painted on, attached to, or supported by a tree, stone, or other natural object, traffic sign post, traffic sign pole, or wooden utility pole.
- 4.7 Pennants, spinners, banners and streamers.
- 4.8 Public Election Lists, public election signs, candidate signs, & election campaign signs

**SECTION 5 - SIGNS PERMITTED WITHOUT SIGN PERMITS**

Notwithstanding Sections 3.1 to 3.3 incl. this by-law, the following signs shall be permitted for on road allowances under the jurisdiction of City of Vaughan, in accordance with requirements specified herein and shall be exempted from the requirements of a permit.

- 5.1 Public Information Signs as defined in Section 2 of this by-law.
- 5.2 Real Estate Open House Signs used to advertising an Open House for a dwelling that is presently for sale shall be permitted in accordance with the following:
  - a) Shall be displayed for a maximum 72 hours,
  - b) A maximum of three (3) signs per Open House.
  - c) Shall have a maximum size of 0.60 metres by 0.60 metres and a maximum sign height of 0.60 metres.
  - d) Shall be setback a minimum of 1.0 metres from the street curb and sidewalk or 3.0 metres from the edge of the pavement where there is no curb.
- 5.3 Charitable/Community/Religious Temporary Signs advertising festivals and community events except Ground Signs as set out in Section 6.2, shall be permitted in accordance with the following:
  - a) Maximum one (1) sign per event by any one organization.
  - b) Maximum time period of thirty (30) days and shall be removed immediately following the event.
  - c) Shall be permitted only if written approval is received from the City's Public Works Department.
  - d) have a maximum sign area of 4.4 sqm. (48 sq.ft.) with a total sign area not to exceed 8.8 sqm. ( 96 sq.ft.)
  - e) use standardized letter sizes consisting of 25.4 cm. (10 in.) or 45.7 cm. (18 in.) high letters and use a single colour single colour for letters, numbers and/or all other symbols and copy on a white or black background
  - f) have a maximum sign height of 2.5 metres.
  - g) be located a minimum of 3.0 metres from a driveway.

- h) not be located within a daylighting triangle as defined in Section 2.
- i) not be located within a minimum of 22 metres (72 feet) any other sign.
- j) comply with relevant Ontario Hydro, and CSA Standards.
- k) not be located within the Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" to City of Vaughan Sign By-law 203-92 as amended.

## **SECTION 6 SIGNS PERMITTED WITH SIGN PERMITS**

The following signs shall be permitted for on road allowances under the jurisdiction of City of Vaughan, in accordance with requirements specified herein.

6.1 Home Builder "A" Frame Signs used to advertise the sale of new homes and used to direct traffic to sale trailers, sales pavilions, and model homes shall be permitted in accordance with the following:

- a) Shall be located within 1 kilometer of the from the construction/project site in which the new homes are located/to be built and shall be permitted to be displayed on Saturdays and Sundays only.
- b) A maximum of three (3) signs shall be permitted per builder per project, or a maximum of three (3) signs per 'Permitted' sales trailer or pavilion.
- c) Shall be setback a minimum of 1.0 metres from the street curb and/or sidewalk or 3.0 metres from the edge of the pavement where there is no curb.
- d) Shall have a maximum sign area of one (1) square metre per side, maximum height of 1.2 metres, and maximum width of 0.8 metres.
- e) Notwithstanding the above, where a sign is to be located within 20 metres of an street intersection the maximum sign height shall be reduced to 0.6 metres.
- f) Shall not permitted on traffic islands
- g) No permit shall be issued until an agreement satisfactory to the City has been entered into indemnifying the City harmless from any liability related to the erection of the sign. The agreement shall be secured with liability insurance in the amount of five (5) million dollars naming the City as co-insured. Such insurance policies shall be kept current at all times with updated policies sent to the City.
- l) Shall not be located within the Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" to City of Vaughan Sign By-law 203-92 as amended.

6.2 Ground signs used by Religious/Charitable/Community Organizations in accordance with the following:

- a) Maximum sign area of 0.60 square metres
- b) Shall be setback a minimum of 1.5 metres from any sidewalk, street curb, roadway, driveway or any other sign.
- c) Shall not be located within a daylighting triangle as defined in Section 2.
- d) Written approval is received from the abutting landowner(s).
- e) Signs shall be constructed as to be easily dismantled in the case of roadway, sidewalk or public utility maintenance or construction.
- f) Written approval is received from the appropriate road authority having jurisdiction.
- g) Shall not be erected until an agreement satisfactory to the City has been entered into indemnifying the City harmless from any liability related to the erection of the sign.
- h) Shall not be located within the Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" to City of Vaughan Sign By-law 203-92 as amended.

#### **SECTION 7 – MAINTENANCE**

The owner, permit holder, authorized agent of the sign, shall maintain, or cause such sign to be maintained, in a proper state of repair, so that such sign or advertising device does not become unsafe, unsightly or dangerous. All signs shall be installed/maintained plumb and level and in good workmanship manner.

If any sign permitted by this by-law must be removed or re-located by/for the City or it's agents to perform construction or maintenance work, all costs associated with the removed or re-located the shall be the responsibility of the owner of the sign. The City shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever as the result of construction or maintenance activities

#### **SECTION 8 MATERIALS AND STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS**

##### 8.1 Material

- (a) All materials incorporated into a sign shall comply with the relevant requirements of the Ontario Building Code.
- (b) Every sign shall comply with all governing requirements of the Hydro One Inc. and/or the Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc., whichever has the jurisdiction

##### 8.2 Structural

All signs shall be designed and installed, such as to resist safely and effectively all loads that may be exerted upon them and in any case shall comply with structural requirements of the Ontario Building Code.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2003.

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Michael Di Biase, Mayor

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J. D. Leach, City Clerk

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# *BY-LAW*

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 179-2003**

**A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92, as amended.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides in Section 11(2), that Councils of lower-tier municipalities may pass by-laws respecting matter pertaining to structures, including fences and signs.m

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1) SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS**

Adding the following as Section 2.9 a) to By-Law 203-92.

2.9 a) **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE DISPLAY** – means part of a sign which is electronically controlled and which displays information in a pre-arranged sequence, and on which the intensity of illumination is maintained at a constant level.

**2) SECTION 4 SIGNS PERMITTED FOR ALL USE CATEGORIES**

Deleting Section 4.1 (h) of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following.

b) Temporary Signs advertising festivals and community events operated by a religious, community or charitable organization subject to the following:

1. Temporary signs shall comply with Section 8.11 f) Subsections i) to ix) inclusive respecting size, location and standards.
2. A maximum of one (1) sign per event and shall be located on private property.
3. Such sign shall be permitted to be displayed for a maximum of thirty (30) days prior to and shall be removed immediately after the event

**3) SECTION 5 – PROHIBITED SIGNS**

a) Deleting Section 5.1 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following.

5.1 signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving illumination which varies in intensity or which varies in colour, and signs which have any visible moving parts, visible mechanical movement of any description, or other apparent movement achieved by electrical pulsations or by actions of normal wind current other than Electronic Message Display

b) Deleting Section 5.6 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following:

5.6 Signs painted on, attached to, or supported by a tree, stone or other natural object.

4) **SECTION 8 – SIGNS PERMITTED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS**

a) Deleting Subsection 8.1 of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following:

8.1 **GROUND SIGNS**

(a) Except as otherwise permitted in Section 8.7 and 8.8, no ground sign shall be larger than 10.0 sq.m in area on a single sign face, or 20.0 sq.m of sign area for all faces combined.

(b) A Ground Sign may contain an Electronic Message Display as defined in Section 2 provided;

i) The area of the Electronic Message Display is limited to a maximum of 25% of the sign area.

ii) The Electronic Message Display is constructed as an integral part of the ground sign.

iii) The minimum time period between two (2) successive message changes shall not be less than 15 seconds

(c) Every ground sign erected shall display the Municipal Address assigned to the property on which the sign is located.

b) Deleting Subsection 8.11 1) of By-Law 203-92 in it's entirety and replacing it with the following:

1) **MOBILE SIGNS**

The following provisions shall apply to the use of mobile signs:

a) a maximum of one (1) mobile sign shall be permitted to be located on a lot at any one time.

b) mobile sign permits shall be issued in time increments of fifteen (15) days occasions.

c) a commercial or industrial premises shall be entitled to permits for up to a maximum of four (4) occasions per year. Each occasion requires a separate permit. A maximum of two (2) occasions may be taken consecutively. There shall be a minimum of thirth (30) days between the expiry of one permit and the issuance of another on the same lot

d) Every mobile sign shall:

i) have a maximum sign area of 4.4 sqm. (48 sq.ft.) with a total sign area not to exceed 8.8 sqm. ( 96 sq.ft.)

ii) use standardized letter sizes consisting of 25.4 cm. (10 in.) or 45.7 cm. (18 in.) high letters and use a single colour for letters, numbers and/or all other symbols and copy on a white or black background.

iii) have a maximum sign height of 2.5 metres.

iv) be located entirely on private property and not located within 5.0 metres from any other sign

v) not be located in a parking space or driveway.

- vi) be located a minimum of 3.0 metres from a driveway
  - vii) not be located within a daylighting triangle as defined in Section 2.
  - viii) not be located within a minimum of 22 metres (72 feet) from a mobile sign located on an adjacent property.
  - ix) comply with relevant Ontario Hydro, and CSA Standards.
  - x) not be located within the Special Sign Districts as shown on Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" to this by-law.
- g) no mobile sign shall be erected/displayed without first affixing thereto, a validation sticker issued by the City's Building Standards Department with the sign permit. The validation sticker shall be placed on the bottom right corner of one of the two sign faces.
- h) For the purposes of this Section, year shall mean the calendar year commencing on January 1, and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.
- 5) Deleting Section 16 of By-Law 203-92, and substituting the following:

**SECTION 16 – MAINTENANCE**

The owner, permit holder, authorized agent of the sign, shall maintain, or cause such sign to be maintained, in a proper state of repair, so that such sign or advertising device does not become unsafe, unsightly or dangerous. All signs shall be installed/maintained plumb and level and in good workmanship manner.

- 6) The By-Law 203-92 is further amended by Re-Numbering existed Schedule "D" as Schedule "E" and attaching Schedule "1" as Schedule "D" to By-Law 203-92.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2003.

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Michael Di Biase, Mayor

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J. D. Leach, City Clerk

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# *BY-LAW*

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 275-2006**

### **A By-law to amend City of Vaughan Sign By-Law 203-92, as amended.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides in Section 11(2), that Councils of lower-tier municipalities may pass by-laws respecting matter pertaining to structures, including fences and signs.

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it advisable to pass an amendment to the City's Sign By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That By-law 203-92 as amended, is hereby further amended by:
  - (1.) Adding the following as Section 2.46 –  
SIGN, UNLAWFUL – means a sign not complying with the requirements of the By-law.
  - (2.) Deleting the preamble of Section 3.0 of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

**This Bylaw shall be administered by the Director of Building Standards and enforced by the Enforcement Services Department.**

- (3.) Adding the following as Section 3.10 a) to By-Law 203-92.

#### **3.10 a) PRESUMPTION CLAUSE.**

Where an unlawful sign is found on private property, the owner of the private property, its manager, tenant and / or person in charge of the property, shall be presumed to have been the person who unlawfully placed or erected the unlawful sign, which presumption may be rebutted by evidence to the contrary, on a balance of probabilities.

Where an unlawful sign is found on a highway as defined under s. 1(1) of the Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, c. c. H.8. as amended, public property, on rights-of-way, or on utility poles, any person named on the unlawful sign and any officer or director of the person, or any partner of the person where the person is a partnership, or any proprietor of the person where the person is sole proprietorship shall be presumed to have been the person who placed or erected the unlawful sign, or to have caused or permitted the unlawful sign to be placed or erected; and where no name appears on the unlawful sign, but a telephone number appears, any person to whom the phone number is listed according to a telephone directory, shall be presumed to have been the person who

placed or erected the unlawful sign, or to have caused or permitted the unlawful sign to be placed or erected. The presumption herein may be rebutted by evidence to the contrary on a balance of probabilities

Where more than one person is presumed to have been the person who erected, or caused or permitted the unlawful sign to be placed or erected under this section, said persons shall be jointly and severally liable of an offence under this section.

- (4.) Deleting Section 4.1 (f) of By-Law 203-92 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

**4.1 (f) Public election lists, public election signs, and candidate signs subject to the following:**

(i) No Candidate or his or her agent shall erect, attach, place, display, cause or permit the erection, attachment, placement or display of Election Signs which would normally be permitted under section 4.1 (f) unless the Candidate has paid the applicable election sign deposit to the City.

- a) \$300.00 per candidate running for the office of Mayor, Regional Councillor, or for Provincial or Federal Office.
- b) \$150.00 per candidate running for the office of Ward Councilor
- c) \$50.00 per candidate running for the office of School Trustee

(ii) If an unlawful Election Sign is removed by the City from Public Property in accordance with section 3.9 of bylaw 203- 92, the Candidate to whom the sign relates will be charged a twenty dollar (\$20.00) fee to be deducted from the refundable portion of the Candidate's election sign deposit.

- a) If the costs incurred by the City in removing a Candidate's signs from Public Property exceed the election sign deposit paid by the Candidate, the Candidate shall be liable for payment.
- b) Notwithstanding section 3.9(d) of Bylaw 203-92, signs so removed shall be stored by the municipality for a period of time of not more than 7 (seven) days.
- c) Notwithstanding section 3.9(e) of Bylaw 203-92, where a sign has been removed by the municipality and stored for a period of seven days and has not been redeemed, such sign may be forthwith destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Municipality

(iii) A Candidate is entitled to have the unused portion of the election sign deposit refunded after Election Day.

(iv) No person shall cause or permit the erection of an election sign that exceeds a maximum sign area of 5.0 square metres. No person shall cause or permit the erection of an election sign unless in accordance with the following:

- a) be setback a minimum of 1.0 metre from all street lines

b) be set back a minimum of 1.5 m from any common lot boundary with an adjacent lot

c) not be located within a daylighting triangle as defined in Section 2.

(v) No person shall cause or permit election signs to be erected more than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Election Day.

(vi) Every election sign shall be removed within forty-eight hours after Election Day.

(vii) No person shall cause or permit the erection of election signs on municipal property under the jurisdiction of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan.

(viii) No person shall cause or permit the erection of election signs on all public road allowances.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

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Michael Di Biase, Mayor

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J. D. Leach, City Clerk

# ***THE CITY OF VAUGHAN***

# ***BY-LAW***

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 209-2007**

**A By-law to amend By-law Number 203-92, as amended, By-law Number 178-2003, as amended, and By-law Number 396-2002, as amended, to provide for fees and charges.**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. By-law Number 396-2002, as amended, be and it is hereby amended by deleting Schedule "F" – Building Standards Department and Schedule "L" – Public Works and substituting therefore Schedules "F" and "L" respectively attached hereto.
2. By-law Number 203-92, as amended, be and it is hereby amended by deleting Section 3.8 – FEES in its entirety and substituting therefore the following Section 3.8:

**“3.8 FEES**

Any fees payable under this or any other by-law of the City related to a sign permit or renewal of a sign permit are due at the time of application for the permit or renewal of the permit.”

3. By-law Number 178-2003, as amended, be and it is hereby amended by deleting Section 3.6 – FEES in its entirety and substituting therefore the following Section 3.6:

**“3.6 FEES**

Any fees payable under this or any other by-law of the City related to a sign permit or renewal of a sign permit are due at the time of application for the permit or renewal of the permit.”

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

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Linda D. Jackson, Mayor

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J. D. Leach, City Clerk

**SCHEDULE "F" TO BY-LAW NO. 396-2002**

**BUILDING STANDARDS DEPARTMENT**

**ITEM**

**FEE or CHARGE**

<b>General</b>	
Pool Permits	\$ 250.00
Building Compliance Letter	\$ 125.00
Supplementary Building Compliance Letter	\$ 50.00
Monthly Building Statistics Report (per annum)	\$ 60.00
Building Drawings -	
- Handling fee	\$ 21.75
- Paper	\$ 5.00
Written zoning response (per letter)	\$ 100.00
Written response for Provincial/ Regional licenses (per letter)	\$ 100.00
Research and provision of property information - (per property)	\$ 50.00
Inspection Fee Consents - (for each lot to be created)	\$ 250.00
- (for each remainder lot)	\$ 250.00
Inspection Fee - Minor Variance (per application)	\$ 250.00
<b>Signs</b>	Refer to City's Sign By-law No. 203-92, as amended
<b>Signs on Public</b>	Refer to City's Public Property Sign By-Law No. 178-2003, as amended
Title Restriction Fee (Release)	\$ 75.00
<b>Building Permits</b>	Refer to City's Building Standards By-Law No. 232-2005, as amended
Pre-Permit Review Service	\$1,500 per model home
<b>Signs and Advertising Devices on Private Property</b>	
All Signs, except portable signs and poster signs (per application)	\$ 150.00 (plus \$ 20.00 per sq.m. or part thereof of the sign area of each sign face)
Portable Signs	
- Mobile (per sign for up to 15 day posting)	\$ 50.00
- Mobile (per sign for up to 30 day posting)	\$ 100.00
- A-Frame (per sign for up to 6 months posting)	\$ 150.00
Poster Panels	\$ 150.00 (plus \$ 40.00 per sq.m. or part thereof of the sign area of each sign face)
Renewal of Permit	\$ 150.00
Refunds – non-refundable permit fees, except where permit issued in error	

**SCHEDULE "L" TO BY- LAW NO. 396-2002**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>FEE or CHARGE</b>
<b>Water and Wastewater</b>	
Water Rates	Refer to City's Water Rate By-law
Wastewater Rates	Refer to City's Wastewater Rate By-law
Water Turn-off/Turn-on Service Call Charges	Refer to City's Water Rate and Wastewater Rate By-law
Water Meters (application for meters and temporary water fee)	\$ at cost (varies with number of meters to be installed, size of meters, administration costs and contract installation costs)
Hydrant Meter Rentals (includes application, administration fee, demonstration to user, water consumption, plus any repairs)	\$ at cost (varies with rental period, time, administration costs, consumption, etc.)
Sewer Camera Service (identify blockages in sanitary/storm lateral lines on private property)	\$ 76.20 per hour (minimum 3 hours)
<b>Sewer Back-up Investigation Service for response to emergency request from private owner related to back-up</b>	
- if blockage on city property	\$ no charge
- if blockage on private property, flat rate fee per hour	\$ 76.20 per hour (minimum 3 hours)
<b>Waste</b>	
Blue Box	\$ 6.00 (each)
Green Bin	\$20.00 (each)
In-House Organic Container	\$ 6.00 (each)
Garbage Tags	\$10.00 (each sheet of 10 tags)
Back yard composters	Cost minus \$10.00 each
Appliance Collection	\$ 25.00 (each appliance)
<b>Culverts</b>	
Materials or goods	\$ at cost (varies with size)
Installation Services (application, review of drawings, etc.)	\$ at cost (varies with size)
Curb Cut Permit	\$125.00
Service Connections	\$ at cost + 15%
<b>Rural Street Number Sign</b> (cost = \$ 20.00 as at Dec. 2002)	\$ at cost
<b>Signs on Public Property</b>	
All Signs on Public Property, except Religious, Charitable or Community Signs	\$ 50.00
Religious, Charitable or Community Signs	\$ None
Builders' Portable Signs - A-Frame (per sign for up to 6 months posting)	\$ 200.00
Renewal of Permit	\$ 50.00
Refunds – non-refundable permit fees, except where permit issued in error	