

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

BYLAW NO. 993

A BYLAW TO REGULATE SIGNS

WHEREAS pursuant to Sections 787 and 967 of the Municipal Act, the Board may regulate the number, size, type, form, appearance and location of any sign, and the requirements may be different for different zones, for different uses within a zone and for different classes of highways.

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Regional District of Nanaimo Sign Bylaw No. 993, 1995”.

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words have the following meanings:

“**awning sign**” means a non-illuminated sign affixed flat to or painted onto the surface of an awning which projects from the exterior wall of a building.

“**billboard**” means an exterior structure displaying a sign pasted or otherwise affixed flat to the face of the structure.

“**canopy sign**” means a sign attached to or constructed in or on a face of a canopy.

“**facia sign**” means a sign attached to or supported by the wall of a building with its face parallel to the building wall and which does not project more than .4 metres (1.3 feet) from the wall to which it is attached.

“**freestanding sign**” means a sign supported independently of a building or any other structure and includes portable signs.

“**projecting sign**” means a sign which projects from the face or wall of a building, but does not include an awning sign, canopy sign or facia sign.

3. No person shall place, construct, maintain or cause to be placed, constructed or maintained on a parcel, a sign which advertises or identifies any business, profession, service, activity, entertainment, sale or rental;

4. Section 3 does not apply to:
 - (a) a sign located on a parcel which relates to or identifies a use on that parcel and which complies with the requirements of Section 5;
 - (b) a sign on a parcel which relates to the sale or rental of a parcel or part of a building on that parcel;
 - (c) political or election signs constructed, placed or maintained on behalf of a candidate or a political party provided that the sign and any supporting structures are located entirely on a parcel owned by a person other than Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia or the Regional District;
 - (d) a sign located on a parcel which provides directions or instructions in relation to a matter other than a business, profession, service, activity or entertainment;
 - (e) a sign constructed, placed or maintained on a parcel for the purpose of identifying a neighbourhood development or subdivision provided that the legend of the sign consists only of the name of the neighbourhood development or subdivision.
5. A sign permitted under Section 4 is subject to the following regulations:
 - (a) No more than two signs shall be placed or maintained on a parcel;
 - (b) No more than one of the signs permitted under Paragraph (a) may be a projecting sign, billboard sign, or freestanding sign.
 - (c) In no case shall a sign exceed a maximum surface area of 11 m² (118.4 square feet) nor have a height or width exceeding 4 metres (13.1 feet).
6. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may enter onto property at all reasonable times to ascertain whether a requirement under this bylaw is being met or regulation under this bylaw is being observed.
7.
 - (a) Every person who contravenes this bylaw or who causes, suffers or commits any act to be done in contravention of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00.
 - (b) A new and separate offence shall be deemed to occur every day during which a contravention of this bylaw continues.

8. The provision of this bylaw is subject to the “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 500, 1987”, the Regional District of Nanaimo Official Community Plans, and the “Regional District of Nanaimo Building Regulations and Fees Bylaw No. 800, 1989”.

Introduced and read three times this 10th day of October, 1995.

Advertised in accordance with Section 817.1 of the Municipal Act this 24th day of October, 1995.

Amended at third reading this 14th day of November, 1995

Adopted this 14th day of November, 1995.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY